

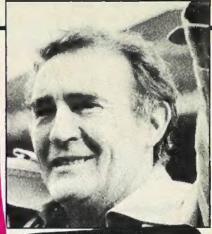


But can a bulging bank account guarantee success on the football field?

Match writer Melvyn Beck has been finding out . . . and the answer is a resounding NO!

Our exclusive 'Big Spenders' table clearly shows that money doesn't necessarily buy a high League position.

We went through the wheeling and dealings of each First Division side and as you can see that it makes fascinating reading . . .



Above: Malcolm Allison . . . Mr 'Big Spender' himself before Manchester City sacked him.

Right: Arsenal's cost-nothing Frank Stapleton (left) and Nottingham Forest's £135,000 buy Kenny Burns

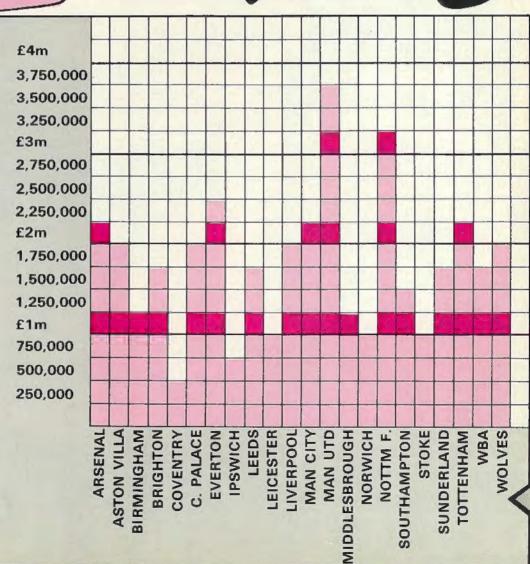
Above: Everton's Asa Hartford (left) and Southampton's Kevin Keegan — total cost £900,000.

Below: Manchester United's Garry Birtles, priced at £1,250,000 and one of the main reasons his club sits at the top of our 'Big Spenders' League.

Hey, Big



MATCH WEEKLY





How does your favourite team fare in our Big Spenders' League table?

The transfer totals are only approximate and are based on each club's strongest line-ups. They don't include players out of favour or those injured at the time of our survey.

BIG SPENDERS LEAGUE

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- 8	Arsenal	\$2,045,000	8 7
8	Han. City	\$2,042,000	13
9	Wolves	21,835,000	10
	Liverpeel	£1,815,000	
1	Aston Ville	£1,740,000	
10	C. Paince	£1,580,000	22
11	Leeds	£1,600,000	12
12	West Brom.	21,518,000	
13		£1,815,000	17
	Sunderland		
14	Brighton	£1,455,000	19
18	Southampion	£1,200,000	1
18	Birminghem	£1,070,000	
17	Middleshrough	£1,000,000	11
18	Stoke	£730,000	15
19	Lelcester	£700,000	20
20	Morwich	£830,000	21
21	Ipewich	£620,000	1
22	Ceventry	1365,000	10



Above: Coventry's Gary Gillespie — one of the very few players at Highfield Road who demanded a fee.

Below: Ipswich Town's Alan Brazil — like so many of the club's players he cost nothing.



TAKE A LESSON FROM IPSWICH AND COVENTRY

"HEY, big spender." That's the theme song for most of the First Division clubs as they spend, spend, spend in search of success.

Six clubs have splashed out more than £2 million with Manchester United topping the list at a cool £3,535,000 as they attempt to revive the glory days at Old Trafford.

A further eleven clubs have forked out more than £1 million in assembling teams they hope will bring them honours.

But Championship favourites Ipswich Town are showing that success can be achieved without fat cheques.

Manager Bobby Robson's total outlay on a team that is chasing a unique treble — League, FA Cup and UEFA Cup — is a mere

He paid £240,000 for England striker Paul Mariner, a total of £350,000 for Dutch stars Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren and just £30,000 for goalkeeper Paul Cooper.

The rest of his talented regular

side are all home grown, which is living testament to the club's successful youth policy and shrewd scouting network.

shrewd scouting network.
In other words, Andy Gray cost
Wolves twice as much as the
entire Ipswich team!

The achievements of Robson in the development of young players is underlined when one considers that Liverpool's championship side of the past two seasons cost almost £2 million.

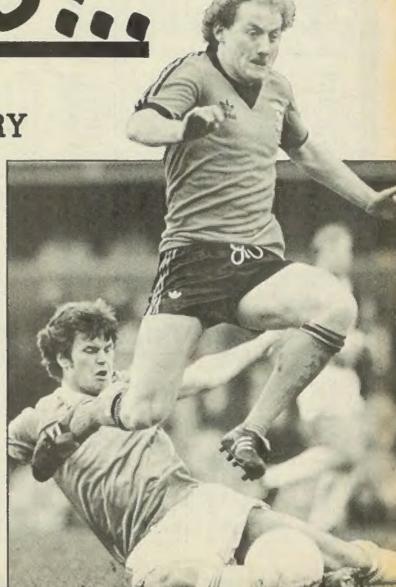
Aston Villa, Ipswich Town's rivals for the coveted First Division crown, have spent almost £1% million in re-shaping their side, with big striker Peter Withe costing almost as much as the Ipswich team.

Like Ipswich, Coventry City cre hoping that their unyielding faith in youngsters will repay them big dividends in the near

Gordon Milne's side came close to their first-ever Wembley appearance this season in the

League Cup.
They made their exit in the semi-finals against West Ham with a team that cost even less than Ipswich.

For a little over £350,000 they have bought Gerry Daly, Gary Gillespie and Steve Hunt to supplement emerging youngsters from the club's youth system.



Left: The graph shows the approximate amount of money each First Division club has spent in building their strongest team. For example, Manchester United have splashed out more than £3% million compared with Coventry's very modest £360,000.

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Where was your favourite team on.

March 28,

ENGLISH LEAGUE

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Arsenal	36	14	4	1	30	12	- 8	- 6	5	21	20	52
Leeds	33	13	4	1	36	11	5	16	4	22	23	46
Ipswich	34	. 0	5	4	30	17	7	5	4	18	17	42
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Durky	35	12	2	3	33	16	2	5	11	10	35	35
Southampton	35	7		1	20	11	2	7	9	15	23	34
Coventry	34	10	5	4	24	18	4	4	9	12	21	33
Chelman	33		- 6	4	24	17	3		6	18	25	32
Leicester	35	7	7	4	22	16	2	6	3	15	25	31
Man City	34	9	4	3	28	15	2	5	11	18	38	31
Everton	33	7	3	7	22	19	4	5	7	10	15	30
Sheff United	35		4	6	20	15	3	4	10	10	35	30
Birmingham	35	7	6	3	29	17	2	5	12	11	31	29
Stoke	35	7	7	2	29	15	2	2	15	19	35	27
Man United	34	7		4	20	17	1	5	11	15	34	27
C. Palace	34	6		6	22	19	1	5	10	12	25	25
Morwich	34	5	9	4	18	16	3	0	13	11	36	25
West Brom	35		7	A	19	26	1	3	14	11	22	28

DIVISION TWO	- 11	HOM	E	AWAY								
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Blacksoul	28	- 5	6	3	29	14	6	4	1	19	29	46
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Aston Ville	34	9	5	4	22	15	5		5	19	23	3
Dafavd	35	12	1	4	31	14	4	5	- 11	14	21	3
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Middlestrough	36	10	5	3	72	12	3	7	H	13	25	3
Lister	33	5	8	5	23	22		2	5	10	17	3
Millmail	35	11	3	3	29	14	3	4	11	21	28	3
Bristol City	35	5	7	4	20	15	7	4		27	30	3
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Hall	33		6	3	34	10	3	5	-	17		3
Sunderland	30	7	5	2	23	10	4	4			27	1
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Orient	34		5	4	25	15	1	6	10	13	27	2
Swinden	36		1	4	25	22	2	5	11		35	
Huddenfield	35	5	9	4	18	18	1	-	10	14	28	Z
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Brighton	25	5	6	6		27	1	4	13		46	_

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Notts County	39	14	.3	2	30	11	5	5	10	21	32	46
Blackburn	39	10	8	3	27	11	-	4	-	20	28	46
Bournemouth	38	12	6	2	40	15	3	-	- 8	20	23	44
Bristol Rys	40	15	4	1	49	16	1	8	11	16	33	44
Oldham	38	11	4	4	35	16	5		6	27	31	44
Grimsby	38	14	1	4	40	15	4	6	10	20	33	43
Port Vale	37	13	4	2	33	18	4	5	9	10	34	43
Tracmera	38	11	7	2	35	14	3	7	9	15	25	42
Chariton	39	11	5	4	40	19	5	3	11	20	34	40
Plymouth	36	12	2	5	36	10	4	5	10	23	35	35
York	40		9	3	22	10	4	5	11	16	25	31
Christerfield	38	10	4	5	31	19	4	5	10	18	26	37
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Shrewsbury	38	9	. 9	-1	25	14	3	4	12	12	30	37
Southend	39	10	-	4	27	13	3	4	12	16	33	36
Walsell	36	12	2	4	31	19	3	4	13	17	37	36
Wrexham	39	- 8	9	2	28	20	2	7	11	13	28	36
Rotherham	40	10	4.	5	29	22	4	3	14	15	36	35
Watford	38	9	6	3	25	18	1	7	12	8	22	33
Brentford	39	12	4	5	31	15	2	1	15	12	40	33
Swanson	39	9	5	5	31	24	3	4	13	13	38	33
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Newport	38	12	4.	3	38	14	7	6	7	22	22	48
Aldershot	39	12	5	3	28	12		4	9	22	23	46
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Workington	39	13	7	1	40	20	2	3	13	11	33	46
Lincoln	39	9	6	4	32	24	3	8	1	23	25	39
Gillingham	38	11	4	4	34	17	3	7	9	17	30	39
Hartlepool	39			3	15	9	4	- 6	10	14	28	38
Bradford	39	11	5	4	33	17	4	5	11	17	34	38
Chester	39	10	5	5	38	17	2	1		16	27	37
Doncaster	39	9	7	3	25	11	4	4	12	17	30	37
Barnsley	39		7	5	27	21	4	5	10	21	34	36
Bury	38	7	7	5	21	19	2	11	-	16	24	36
Peterberough	38	10	6	4	40	26	2	5	11	24	42	35
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Motherwell	27	4	5	5	16	29	4	3	6	15	20	24	
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Partick	29	3	3	8	12	23	5	3	7	20	22	22	
Falkirk	25	4	4	7	21	25	1	7	.6	3	19	21	
Dumbarton	29	2	8	4	20	25	1	4	10	15	38	16	
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Stirling	28	10	2	1	27		7	3	5	30	21	39
Cowdenbeuth	31	11	1	4	33	18	3	6	6	20	27	35
Montrose	27	6	4	4	27	23	7	3	3	37	20	33
Hamilton	38	9	4	2	36	21	-	2	9	21	33	32
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HOW DAVID

ASTON VILLA skipper Dennis Mortimer continues his fescinating story . . . only in Match Weekly.

DAVID CROSS gave Ron Saunders the nod of approval and I was on my way to Aston Villa. David, now enjoying a tremendous season

David, now enjoying a tremendous season with West Ham, was asked by his former boss at Norwich what he thought of my character and temperament.

And my old team-mate must have given me a glowing report because next day (December 23, 1975) I was on my way to Villa Park to meet my new manager.

meet my new manager.
David and I played together for a couple of seasons at Coventry and I'll never forget that day in the Highfield Road dressing room just before Christmas when he told me Ron Saunders was interested.

Ron Saunders is the sort of man who sets great store by a player's attitude. He goes not so much on your ability, but likes to know what sort of person you are

what sort of person you are.
Coventry were in financial trouble at the time and had to sell players to survive. There was no way they were going to refuse £175,000 for me because it was a lot of cash in those days.

I had no hesitation in joining Villa because
Coventry were a struggling team and were
always fighting to stay in the First Division.
On a couple of occasions I thought we'd get

On a couple of occasions I thought we'd get relegated, but we always managed to avoid the drop. The move to Villa gave me a chance of winning something.

SAD END FOR BRIAN AND MIKE

ASTON VILLA received a double blow with the news that striker Brian Little and defender Mike Pejic have had to retire from the game through injury. News like that brings it home to

News like that brings it nome to me just what a precarious occupation footballers are in.

I played alongside Brian for two years and believe me there's no-one in the game today who could match him for skill.

It's all the more depressing

It's all the more depressing because Brian seemed to be making such good progress with his knee injury and we were looking forward to him joining the first team squad.

Mike made just nine first team appearances in a Villa shirt after his move from Everton before his pelvic

Fortunately youngsters Colin
Gibson and Gary Williams have
done a good job in replacing him,
but there's no doubt he'll be missed.
He was one of the old breed — a

He was one of the old preed — u tough hard worker who never gave less than 100 per cent.

CROSS GAVE ME THE NOD



David Cross, the West Ham striker who gave Villa a glowing report about Dennis Mortimer.

WRITES FOR MATCH . AND WHEN THE FANS GOT

AFTER just three first team games with my new club, life at Villa Park turned SOUL

ON MY BACK

I'd hardly got settled in when I strained some ligaments in my log and was out of action for eight weeks.

Unfortunately I was pitched back into action when I wasn't fully fit and it was then I realised the pressure

there is on a big money player.
I can understand what Manchester United's £1.2m signing Garry Birtles is going through now because I suffered from the same problem.

My £175,000 price tag became a big headache for me and thei's why I can't believe players who say a big fee doesn't worry them.

When I returned to the Villa team they were struggling and that didn't help my comeback. I lost form, my confidence went and the fans started to get on my back.

I felt they were harsh on me because they don't understand what an injury like that takes out of a

But I wasn't playing up to my capability and to be honest I was glad to see the season end.

However, the next couple of seasons were to be so different and culminated in Aston Villa winning the League Cup — I'll tell you more about that next week.



Manchester United's Garry Birtles - I know that a price tag like his can be a big headache.

NEXT WEEK My greatest moment

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Peter Shilton greets new-boy Ronnie Sinclair.

Ronnie's a natural says Shilton

NOTTINGHAM Forest are hoping they have got a new Peter Shilton in the making following the signing of Scottish schoolboy international Ronnie Sinclair.

The 16-year-old has been signed by Brian Clough as an apprentice and already he's making a big impression with club's A team

And Shilton himself has been enthusing about Sinclair's ability. The England keeper commented: "He looks a bit of a natural to me even though he's only a youngster.

"He's got a clean pair of hands and the ball really sticks to him no matter what the circumstances. It's a good sign but I am sure he realises he's got a long way to go in the game

MEXICO bound . . . that's First Division championship chasers Aston Villa.

As a reward for their title challenge, the Villa players are to spend 15 days in Mexico and California at the end of the

Mecmwhile Villa's crunch

I WAS sickened and horrified to see the moment Wolves midfielder Peter Daniel broke his right leg against Aston Villa, captured in a

five-picture sequence.
It has never been our policy to criticise other publications and with that in mind I won't name it. standards of good taste must be maintained.

I refuse to let this pass without comment, particularly as it was also seen fit to dress up the feature by breaking up the lettering on the word 'disaster'.

When we attract our kind of impressionable readership, we must be wary of the treatment given to this kind of incident.

Holland blow

THE unlucky Pat Holland, who missed his second Wembley final in ten months because of injury, looks like being a spectator again for West Ham's League Cup Final replay.

Pat, injured shortly before the semi-line clashes with Coventry, could be out of senior action for the rest of the season.

Villa trip

home game with title favourites Ipswich, postponed for a second time because of Town's FA Cup replay with Nottingham Forest, has been re-arranged for Wednesday, April 15.





Birtles-better than I thought' says Sexton

MANCHESTER United manager Dave Sexton manufacture united manager Dave Sexton sprung to the defence of his record buy Garry Birtles saying:—"He's turned out to be a better player than I thought."

Birtles (left), who cost United one and a quarter millions from Nottingham Forest last October... is still without a single League

goal, and he recently admitted:

Tve let Dave Sexton down . . . it's my fault he's being subjected to so much criticism. people should blame me not him.

Indeed the situation was brought to a head recently when Forest boss Brian Clough offered to buy Birtles back . . . an offer Sexton didn't even give a second thought.

"I'm happy to stake my whole reputation on Birtles," says Sexton, "both as a bloke and as a player. I've been very impressed with his footballing ability and brain . . . I'm sure, given time, it will all come all right."



Indoor champs

EDMONTON Drillers are champions of the North American Soccer League's indoor championship.

In a thrilling final before a record crowd of 16,257, Edmonton defeated home team Chicago Sting 5-4.

Swop Shop

OFFER: 50 Sunderland programmes WANTS: 50 Manchester Utd., Liverpool or Arsenal programmes Mark Berridge, 86 Netherburn Road, Sunderland, Tyne-and-Wear, OFFER: Liverpool pennant, scarl and

WANTS: 15 Brighton programmes and Steve Foster's autograph. Andy Johnston, 6 Tower Road, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hants OFFER: AS Roma (Italian First

Division) scarf. WANTS: Spurs scarf or 1980-81

Liverpool poster. Francesco Coppola, Viale Degli Ammiragli 90, 00136 Roma, Italy.

ÖFFER: Manchester Utd. silk and woollen scarf. WANTS: Anything to do with

Portsmouth Peter Gullick, 12 Ferndale, Broadacres, Guildford, Surrey

OFFER: 1979-80 Spurs annual signed by Ossie Ardiles, plus 1978 and 1979 by Ussie Ardiles, plus 1978 and 19 FA Cup Final programmes. WANTS: Any Spurs away programmes from this season. William Alexander, 79 Portree Avenue, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, Scotland.

OFFER: Five football annuals. WANTS: Ipswich Town programmes from this season or player's autographs.

Michael Cox, Chatwood, Ashford Hill Road, Headley, Newbury, Berks.

PETER Word, Nottingham Forest's £400,000 striker was back in the first team limelight as a second half substitute against his old club Brighton

And although the former England B' front-runner still has to make an impact at the City Ground there is no shortage of belief in his

Forest assistant manager Peter Taylor, commented: "I am more confident than ever that Peter can make a big impression with us. He has not made the most of his chances so far (just two goals in 13 matches) . . . but he will put that right.

"He was an idol down at Brighton but he has had to work to get himself sorted out at Forest. A lot of people have questioned his ability but I have never doubted it and he will prove me right in the

Gynn's £100 tonic

PETERBOROUGH's Mick Gynn looks pleased with himself and no wonder. He is pictured after receiving our Fourth Division Matchman of the Month award for February plus a cheque for £100.

It all goes to prove that we cannot be accused of overlooking good football when it happens right under our noses . . . we can see Peterborough's floodlights from our top floor offices in the City's centre!



Wark record

IPSWICH TOWN'S top scorer John Wark, the Professional Footballers' Association's 'Player of the Year', equalled a club record just a day before he was honoured by his fellow

His tenth penalty of the season in the 3-0 win over Tottenham took his spot kick tally for the club to 25 equalling the record held since the late fifties by Ted Phillips.

But Scottish international John has achieved his tally in 27 attempts compared with Ted's 28.

See our spotlight on the Penalty Kings' later in this

MATCH WEEKLY

MATCH VERDICT

LIVERPOOL and West Ham get to grips again at Villa Park on Wednesday to decide the destination of the Football League Cup.

After the controversial and dramatic finale to the first encounter at Wembley the scene is set for an action-packed

Can Liverpool collect the only domestic honour to elude them over the years or can West Ham strike another blow for the underdog from the Second Division? These intriguing questions could now be answered in the Midlands — an area which has dominated the competition over

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MATCH VERDICT ... MATCH VERDICT ...

Liverpool can't fail with Phil

RAY Stewart's last-kick-of-the-game penalty at Wembley meant but a stay of execution for West Haml

The Hammers' full-back showed composure beyond his years when he drove the ball past Ray Clemence before a hushed 100,000 fans.

But it is because too few of his team mates possess the same temperament that I believe Liverpool will at last lift the trophy that has eluded them for so long.

After scaling the heights in Europe as well as in every other domestic competition, the Anfield stars no longer have to come to terms with the atmosphere as well as the opposition.

Or at least not to the same extent as many of the players they are facing.

Liverpool's attitude and optimism will also be fired by the return of skipper Phil Thompson - in my mind the most important man in the team.

At Wembley the Hammers did precious little to convince me they can crack the Reds' rearguard . . . Paul Goddard in particular suffering from the size of the

With Thompson back their task looks virtually impossible.

At the other end the classy Dalglish and Johnson, prompted by the very in-form Souness, look the men most likely to

West Ham are to be admired. But as a great believer in quality I see more of it in Liverpool's team than in West Ham's.

PREDICTION: Liverpool 2, West Ham 0.
MELVYN BAGNALL

THE champagne bubbles will be blowing in the direction of Liverpool after the Villa Park showdown.

The 'red machine' has been serviced and oiled after operating below full power earlier this year to the extent that they are now running into the kind of smooth form that could bring them the European Cup for the third time. for the third time.

for the third time.

That's why my head must rule my heart in backing Liverpool to take the League Cup home for the first time.

I've always had a soft spot for the quality football West Ham have produced over the years and, as they proved at Wembley, they have all the ingredients necessary to emerge as a forceful First Division club. forceful First Division club.

But avidence from the Wembley stalemate suggests that Liverpool may have a few extra gears left to select than West Ham.

Liverpool were further away from top form than West Ham and that's why I take the likes of Graeme Souness, Terry McDermott and Ray Kennedy to make it more uncomfortable this time for Billy Bonds and Co.

And if Phil Thompson is back to organise matters at the back then my inkling for a Liverpool victory will be even

Yes, I'm going for a Liverpool win because I have had to choose, but it will





LEFT: Trevor Brooking (immediate left of referee) leads the protests of the West Ham players after Liverpool's extra time goal at Wembley.



David Johnson . . . could be a key man in the Liverpool side.

I'm backing the 'Red machine'

be one of those nights when I won't mind who goes up to collect the trophy so long as football comes out a winner.
PREDICTION: Liverpool 2, West Ham 0.
MELVYN BECK

MATCH VERDICT.

Johnson holds key to glory

INJURY-PLAGUED striker David Johnson holds the key to success for Liverpool.

But for him missing the Wembley final,

the League Cup — the one trophy which has eluded the 'Merseyside greats' would now be gleaming through the glass in the Anfield trophy cabinet.

At Wembley, even the great Kenny Dalglish - widely acclaimed as one of the top strikers in the game today - looked lost without Johnson by his side.

Steve Heighway, Johnson's replacement and so influential in Liverpool's marvellous 5-1 victory over CSKA Sofia earlier in the month, rarely troubled West Ham in the first encounter and did little to help Dalglish.

And no way is Liverpool's marvellous young midfielder Sammy Lee a frontrunner . . . despite his energetic efforts alongside Dalglish at Wembley after Heighway was taken off.

For me, Liverpool manager Bob Paisley's decision to send Lee up front was a strange move . . . far better I would have thought to have pushed Ray Kennedy once a striker with Arsenal - into the fray alongside Dalglish.



So, a fully-fit David Johnson is the man who can cause the super-efficient West Ham centre-back Alvin Martin a few problems . . . and feed Dalglish with those balls he loves to turn on and crash

towards the goal.

West Ham have proved they are no pushovers and in David Cross and Paul Goddard have a proven goalscoring partnership, but even a Liverpool defence minus regular skipper Phil Thompson was rarely worried at Wembley.

Thompson's presence in the replay - if he's fit - will be just as important as his unflinching play.

With Johnson and Thompson still missing, it may still go to another game if they both play they'll pop the West

PREDICTION: 3-1 to Liverpool.

PAUL STRATTON

AGUE CUP

Hammers, just the ticket! ASTON Villa's claret and blue stadium will feel just like home to the hoardes of West REPLAY PREVIEW

Ham fans streaming through Spaghetti Junction to the League Cup replay on

Wednesday.
Villa Park proved to be a luckless battleground for Liverpool in last season's FA Cup re-matches with Arsenal and I don't see their fortunes changing this

Hammered and sickled out of the Cup Winners' Cup by the Russians, Billy Bonds men see red-shirted Liverpool standing between them and a return ticket to Europe next Autumn.

That will be incentive enough for Trevor Brooking and Alan Devonshire, still seething from that debatable Alan Kennedy goal at Wembley a fortnight ago, to put the record straight.

I have never seen the usually ice-cool Brooking so mad as when that goal was allowed to stand, while the way Bonds refused to let even the exhausted Devonshire sit down to pull up his socks for the final match-saving flourish indicated to me that Hammers won't let it slip this time.

By Kenny Dalglish's high standards he was unnaturally inactive in Wembley's second-half and from my observation point, saw little more of the ball in Sofia.

If he has a fully-fit David Johnson as his goal-hunting partner then West Ham beware, but if not then I'm backing London's pride to end Midland dominance,

with Stuart Pearson a key factor.
PREDICTION: West Ham 2, Liverpool 1 (after extra time).

BOB WARTERS

DID YOU KNOW . . .

ON the occasions Liverpool and Everton lost in the League Cup Final replays, they both defeated Coventry City on the way to their respective finals. This season Coventry went out to West Ham in the semi-finals. Is this an omen?

DID YOU KNOW.

LIVERPOOL entered the League Cup in it's first season (1960-61), but never bothered to enter for the next six seasons maybe that's why they have never won the trophy!

DID YOU KNOW

THERE have been two previous League Cup meetings between West Ham and Liverpool (not including last month's Wembley tie). In the Fourth Round in Season 1971-72 West Ham beat Liverpool 2-1 and in the Second Round in season 1973-74 Liverpool won 1-0 at Anfield after a 2-2 draw at Upton Park.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

GEORGE KAY, the West Ham centre-half in the club's first-ever FA Cup Final in 1923 (they lost 2-0 to Bolton in the first Wembley final), later became the manager of Liverpool.

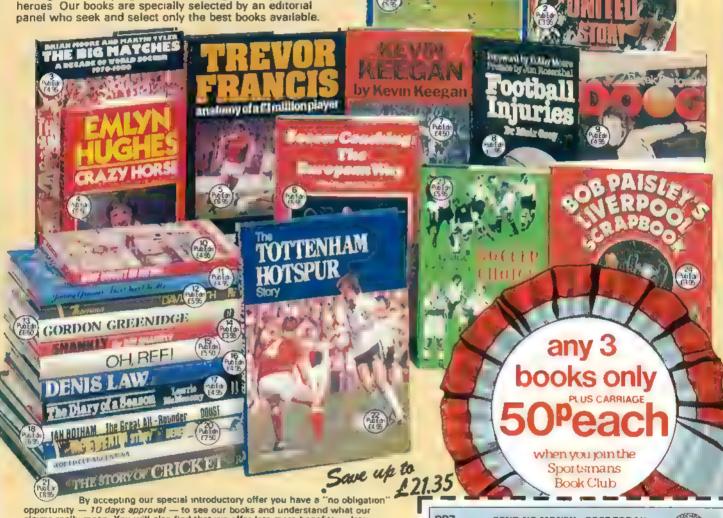
DID YOU KNOW .

THE only two League Cup finals that required replays both featured Merseyside clubs and Liverpool and Everton both lost. Liverpool went down 1-0 to
Nottingham Forest and Everton lost 3-2 to
Aston Villa in a second replay. Will it be



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West Germany's Horst Hrubesch (left), challenged by Belgium's Rene Vandereycken.

Zico move?

BRAZILIAN superstar Zico is fed up with his fame and could be on the move to a top Italian club after 1982.

He said: "I cannot get out of my house without being surrounded. And Brazilian players are poorly paid compared to others. I do quite well, but it is only a fraction of what I could earn elsewhera."

Once tagged as the white Pele, he would be a big target for Juventus, inter-Milan and Borne with his seeding a billion.

Roma with his scoring ability.
Meanwhile Juventus' hopes
of prising West Germany's
European Championship
winning goalgrabber Horst
Hrubesch have been dashed.
The blond glant has re-signed
for Hamburg with an Improved
contract.

Brazil ready

WITH Spain 1982 still more than 12 months away, Brazil are already planning further ahead. They have applied to FIFA for the right to stage the 1994 World Cup, claiming they are ready

Neeskens bid?

FORMER Dutch World Cup star Johan Neeskens could fight his way back to international glory in Spain. If he is not wanted back by Cosmos he is likely to consider interesting offers from Zaragoza and Espanol. The brilliant midfielder enjoyed his stay in Spain before with Barcelona.

Menotti's base

ARGENTINA have already chosen where to stay in Spain. Team boss Menotti picked out a seaside hotel near Alicante: the hotel Montiboli, with 32 double rooms, a swimming pool and all mod cons for their comfort.

Only problem now is the group draw for the finals — the hotel would not be used if they were drawn to play in group one at La Corunna in the north west, about 500 miles away!

To quit — aged 25

FORMER Birmingham defender and Argentine World Cup star Alberto Tarantini has announced he will be retiring from football after the 1982 World Cup, at the age of 25



We love to win — at snooker, too!

WiTH lpswich enjoying so much success at the moment it's difficult to find any time to relax.

All the players are involved in a lot of promotional work, but we still manage to get in the odd game of snooker at a local club.

Snooker is the favourite



Dutch star Amold Muhren whose goal took Ipswich through to the semi-finals of the FA Cup.

pastime of most of the players after training because it enables us to relax and unwind a little.

But the competitive element is still there because everybody loves to win.

But apart from the odd session of snooker, there's not a lot of time to pursue any other interests.

I spend one afternoon a week coaching ten and 11-year-olds at a local junior school and I also like to visit disabled children in the area.

I occasionally take the school football team to visit the disabled children to organise five-a-side games etc because this shows them how lucky they are to be able to enjoy life to the full.

In the summer though my garden takes pride of place. I'm president of the local horticultural society and I'm a lover of roses.

I've got an acre of land which contains fruit trees and vegetables and, of course, plenty of roses.

It takes me a while to build up to a session in the garden but once I'm out there I do really enjoy it.

essure?..What pressure

CAN Ipswich land the treble and are the players feeling the pressure?

They are the two main questions on the lips of everyone at the moment.

To win the Championship, F.A. Cup and U.E.F.A. Cup would be a tremendous feat and obviously I think it is possible for the team to achieve it.

But I am also realistic to realise that it is a very tall order even though we are playing with a great deal of confidence.

The First Division title is the number one priority for it is the ambition of every

footballer to win a championship medal Naturally we will be giving 100 per cent in the cup ties but I think the lads are regarding them as more of a bonus at this

On the question of pressure, I've never seen the lads so relaxed.

There's a real carefree atmosphere in the camp with the players laughing and joking right up to half an hour before the kick off

Never seen the lads so relaxed

when we turn our minds firmly on the task in

And the area of Ipswich enables the players to switch off from the pressures
If you are in a big city like London,

Manchester and Birmingham you are always being chased by the press, television and radio.

But here in East Anglia the people allow us to get on with our own lives. And that's

But no doubt the atmosphere in the place will reach fever pitch when we face Manchester City in the F.A. Cup Semi-Final next month.

It's obviously going to be a tough test for us but the match is on a neutral ground and it will be a matter of who can cope with the pressures on the day

There's a lot at stake and some players find it difficult to cope with all the pressure but I'm hoping our experience will tell on the

It certainly won't be any harder than the sixth round matches against Nottingham Forest.

We were anticipating a hard time because we were probably the best teams left in the competition.

The 3-3 draw at Nottingham was a classic cup tie in every sense of the word and I think in the end we just about deserved our ticket into the semi-final with a superb goal from Arnold Muhren in the replay

But more about our semi-final task in a fortnight's time.

Neswich and England star



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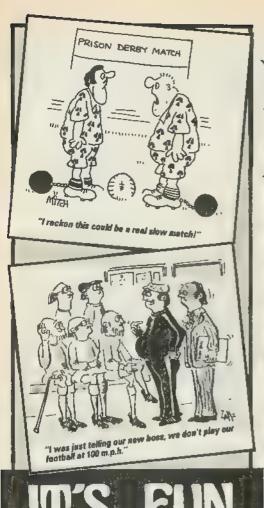
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Manager to player in dug-out: "Sent off for punching again? You just can't stand losing the toss can you". Ian Scoular, Greenock, Renfrewshire.

Did you hear about the Scottish International who has no hair? His name is ARCHI-BALD! Chris Cowen, East Herrington, Sunderland.







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"Dave Langan is the most skilful right-back Birmingham have had for years," says 12-year-old Mark Wasley of Redditch, Worcs.



Queens Park Rangers' Dean Neal is the favourite of Bradley Woodbridge of Brentford, Essex. "He's so good at destroying defences", says Bradley.

Paul Joyce of Battersea, London, sent this picture of lpswich Town and Scotland midfield star John Wark. "He's played such an important part in his team's success this season," says Paul.

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Managers mix-up

CAN YOU put the list of managers with their correct grounds?

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3) Graham Turner c) Belle Vue 4) Ian Porterfield d) London Road

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IT'S QUIZ TIME

Ten teasers . . .

- 1 Who scored West Ham's last kick penalty equaliser in the 1981 League Cup Final at Wembley?
- 2 Ceitic played in every Scottish League Cup final between 1970 and 1978 but won only one of them. Who did they beat?
- 3 There is an error in the following list of PFA Footballers of the Year. Can you spot it? a) 1978 Peter Shifton, b) 1979 Liam Brady, c) 1980 Kenny Dalglish, d) 1981 John Wark.
- 4 Who was Nottingham Forest's goalkeeper in the 1978 League Cup final against Liverpool?
- 5 Dundee United have won the Scottish League Cup for the past two seasons. What is the name of their ground?
- 6 From which country did Ipswich Town's UEFA First round opponents come from?
- 7 Two players from the same club finished equal top Third Division goalscorers last season. Can you name them?
- 8 Steve Lynex recently joined Leicester from Birmingham. From where did Birmingham sign him?
- 9 Stoke's winter signing Paul Maguire (pictured right) scored 11 goals for which Second Division club last season?
- 10 What soccer record does former goalkeeper Ronnie Simpson, now a pools panellist, hold?

What a muddle

Can you unravel this muddle of letters to identify this team?

HODDLE GIBRUMS



Stoke's Paul Maguire — see Question 9.

ODD MAN OUT

Each of the 1980 FA Cup final teams given below contains a deliberate error. Can you spot the odd man out and substitute the correct player?

Arsenal: Jennings, Rice, Devine, O'Leary, Talbot, Young, Brady, Sunderland, Stapleton, Hollins, Rix.

West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Brush, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Allen, Pearson, Cross, Brooking, Pike

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4 Chris Woods, 5 Tennadice, 6:
Aris Salonika (Greece), 7 Andy
Rowland and Alen Mayes
(Swindon), 8 Shemrock Rovers, 9
Shrewsbury Town, 10 The
youngest player to appear in the
Scottish League. He was 15 years
310 days old when he played for
Queen's Park against Hibs on
August 17, 1946

WHO AM I? Trevor Brooking (West Ham and England)

MANAGERS MIX-UP. 1/d, 2/c, 3/b, 4/a

WHAT A MUDDLE Middlesbrough

ODD MAN OUT.
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SNOLLTIOS

been so hervous y says young player of the Year

> DESPITE his rapid rise to the footballing heights this season, Gary Shaw has never been so nervous as the night he stepped up to collect the PFA Young Player of the Year award.

The 18-year-old Villa striker made a brief but pointed speech to the 900 strong audience of players and managers at London's International Hilton Hotel, before confessing to Match Weekly:

"Speaking in front of all those people and to millions of TV viewers as well was about the

hardest thing I've done. "Playing in front of 40,000 people every week comes naturally, but this was different."

Gary, who told his amazing story to Match Weekly readers in an exclusive series, had scored 18 goals up to PFA Awards night.

"I'm aiming for 20 — any more than that is a bonus," he added. "There's more pressure on Peter Withe to score goals than me and he's proving he can do it.

"I see myself as being more



Gary Shaw with the Young Player of the Year trophy.

involved in the build-ups and helping to lay on goals for others.

"I'm absolutely delighted with the award. Before the announcement I was thinking it would be nice to get in the top six, never mind win it.

"Now I must try to go from strength to strength and not disappoint the people who have faith in me."

Right: Gritty determination from John Wark as he beats Nottingham Forest's Frank Gray to this header. Asked what he thought about the Players' Player of the Year Award, he sald simply: "It's the IT WAS a Wednesday in March almost exactly six years ago.

The previous night I had played centre half for Ipswich Town youth team in a Cup-tie. And like the rest of the Portman Road apprentices I was looking forward to the first team's FA Cup quarter final clash with Leeds the following night.

Then manager Bobby Robson took me to one side and told me I couldn't

watch the big game . . . I'd be playing in it!

Now I've never been a nervous person and I've always been confident in my own ability. But this was more than I'd bargained for — from youth football to FA Cup sixth round in two days!

It wasn't as though I was pushing for a first team place. After all, I was the club's sixth choice central defender at the time and I was only 17.

But the club had been hit by a succession of injuries and so I was in.

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HAMMERS DOMINĀ

WEST Ham's incredible success this season was reflected in the Professional Footballers' Association awards with no fewer than eight of their side in the Second Division select team

The three exceptions were left back Frank Lampard, winger Jimmy Neighbour and midfield player Geoff Pike, whose roles were filled by Notts County's Ray O'Brien, QPR's Tony Currie and Sheffield Wednesday's Terry Curron. The four divisional teams were:

Division One — Shilton (Nottm Forest); Swain (Aston Villa), Evans (Aston Villa), Osman (Ipswich), Sansom (Arsenal); Wark (Ipswich), Thipsen (Ipswich), Souness (Ipswich); Thipsen (Ipswich), Dalglish (Liverpool); Mariner (Ipswich), Dalglish (Liverpool), Shaw (Aston Villa).

Division Four — Mervyn Cawston (Southend), Cec Podd (Bradford City), Trevor Peake (Lincoln), Dave Cusack (Southend), Steve Sherlock (Stockport); (Doncaster), Anton Otulakowski (Doncaster), Anton Otulakowski (Peterborough), Derek Spence (Southend); Robbie Cooke (Peterborough), Derek Spence (Southend), Steve Phillips (Northampton).

Division (wu — Parkes (West Ham); lèwari, Sonds, Martin (all West Ham) Parien (Notts Ceunty); renkins, Demonstrier (Lorder); rest Ham, Curran (Soulf West)

Division Three — Nicky Johns
(Charlton); Ian Evans, Mike McCarthy
(both Barnsley), John Breckin
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(Ramsley), Tony Kellow (Exeter), David
(Remp (Plymouth), Derek Hales (Charlton).

Trollope's reward

JOHN Trollope's loyalty to Third Division Swindon Town was recognised by the Professional Footballers' Association who presented him with their Merit Award

"I cannot think of a greater honour for anyone to receive," he told the 900 players at the PFA dinner. "It is most important because it comes

from the people in the game."
Previous winners of the Merit
Award include Bobby Chariton, Dennis Law and Bill Shankly.

What made it worse was that we had already drawn the game three times - 0-0 at Portman Road, 1-1 at Elland Road and 0-0 at Filbert Street,

So now it was back to Leicester for a fourth meeting with a team littered with stars like Billy Bremner, Norman Hunter, Johnny Giles and Frank and Eddie Gray.

My job was to mark Allan Clarke - probably the deadliest finisher of the time.

It wasn't exactly a thrilling prospect — and Clarke scored Leeds first

But Alian Hunter, the Northern Ireland centre half, helped me a lot and although Giles scored a second against us, goals from Whymark, Hamilton and Woods put us into the semi-finals. Naturally that was a highpoint of my career but any dreams I may have had for Wembley were shattered in the semi-final. I wasn't in the team for the 0-0 draw against West Ham but with Allan Hunter out I stepped up again for the replay at Stamford Bridge — which sup glory Right: A jubilant John Wark holds aloft the PFA Player of the Year trophy. I wanted to sign for City AS a schoolboy I had trials with both lpswich and Manchester City . . . and it was City I really wanted to sign for. The man who brought me down I was invited down to Maine to England in the first place was Road a couple of times to show George Finlay, the Ipswich scout them what I could do, but they based in Kilmarnock.

wanted to see me one more time.

lpswich on the other hand came in with a firm offer and I signed on as an apprentice at the age of 16. I'd had a week's trial at Portman

Road over Easter, followed by another trial in the summer

On my third visit they showed me around the place and I think it was the homely atmosphere at the club that swayed me to sign.

Chances

There were seven fellow Scots on the playing staff - mainly reserves and apprentices — and I knew that would help me settle

I also knew that my chances of early first team football were greater at Ipswich than City.

Matcolm Altison was manager at Maine Road at the time and his team included players like Summerbee, Bell, Lee, Marsh and

It was unlikely that I would get a chance for ages

As it was, I made my first team debut for Ipswich within a year at the age of 17.

George spotted me as a 15-year-old playing in my native Glasgow for Drumchapel - a side that has Amateurs produced a lot of good players, Archie Gemmill and Asa Hertford among them.



SCORING GOALS COMES EASY

CONSIDERING I've scored more than 30 goals this season it may seem strange that I started out as a central defender.

That's where I played at school and in the Ipswich outh side and that's where I got my first chance in

l didn't move into midfield until 1977, when I was 19. The midfield had not been going too well for a few weeks and Bobby Robson threw me in.

I did well and I've been in there ever since.

Even now though I drop back into the middle of defence if there are any injuries. When Mick Mills dislocated his shoulder in the recent game with Spurs I filled in at full-back.

My normal role at Ipswich is to sit in in front of the

back four — so why do I score goals?

The main reason is that Ipswich make so many chances. The Dutchmen, Muhren and Thijssen, get wide to get the ball into the middle and I feed off the two big strikers Mariner and Brazil. The lads have made it easy for me.

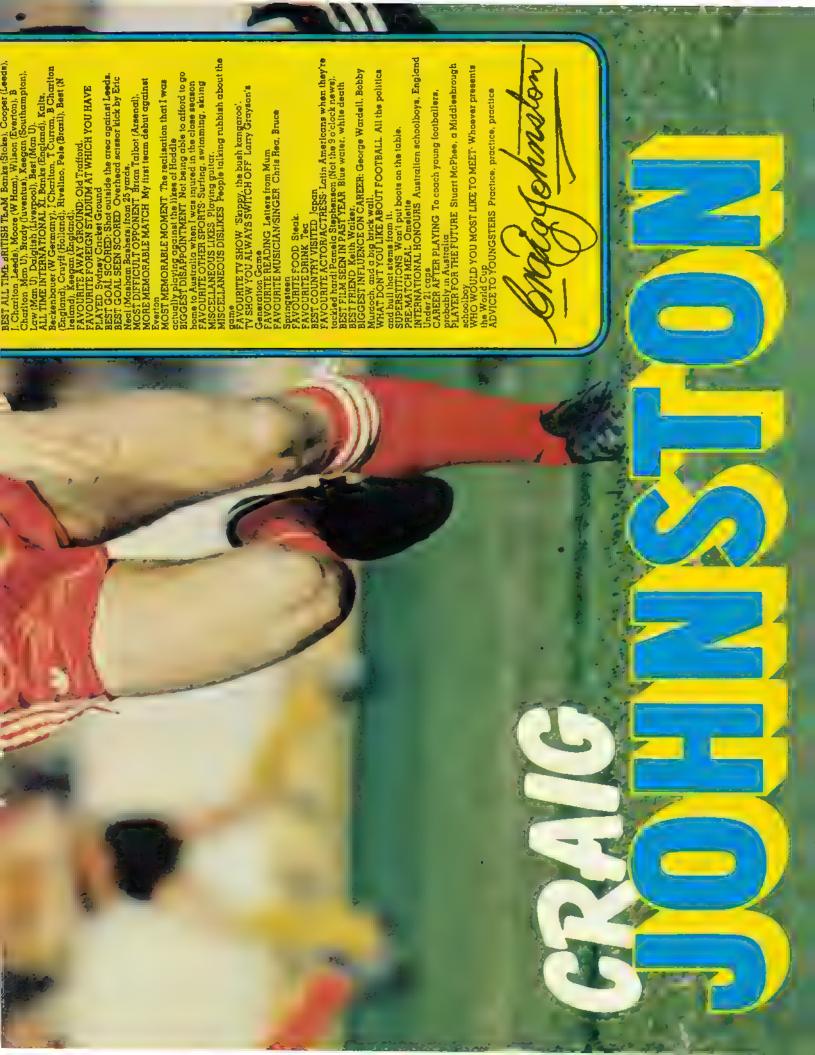
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I scored 15 goals last season and always thought I could match that this time. But I'm getting forward a lot more and timing the runs better.

My immediate ambitions are to win the FA Cup, UEFA Cup and League treble — especially the League — and to keep on being successful with

On the Scotland front, my ultimate goal must be a World Cup winner's medal.





Match Weekly the spot report

WHO are the penalty kings in the top two divisions?

Who are the men who stay ice cool in the intense heat of the moment when a penalty kick could mean the difference between winning and losing, promotion and relegation?

Match Weekly has looked at the records of penalty takers since the start of last season and devised a table which shows Nottingham Forest's John Robertson as the Penalty King' with 19 in all competitions up

to and including March 14.

That's three more than West Ham's League Cup final penalty hero Ray Stewart, with Ipswich's John Wark on 15—a tally which includes a hat-trick in the UEFA Cup against Greek side Aris Salonika.

In this special series on Penalty Kings' we talk to some of the top marksmen about their vital role, starting with Scottish winger John Robertson and his Nottingham rival, County full-back Ray O'Brien.

Goals l'II never forget

by Forest's John Robertson

WHEN it comes to scoring from the spot, Nottingham Forest's John Robertson is the 'King' in the top two divisions.

He tucks away penalty after penalty with almost uncanny ease and precision, but there was a time in his early days at the City Ground when he actually lost the job.

The Scottish international recalls that in 1976 he missed two in one match against Hull

City and that led to Terry Curran (now with Sheffield Wednesday) taking over the role. John, who has scored 19 since the start of last season, says: "If I were to miss two on the

trot again I would probably give it up.
"I got the job back at Forest when Terry was injured in a match and I volunteered to take a penalty. And I've been taking them ever

"I suppose I must enjoy taking them. It's only afterwards that I feel any pressure because that's when you have time to think about what might have happened if you had missed.

"I've got no real set pattern about taking them. I have always believed that if you hit the ball hard enough it should go in."

It's not difficult for John to remember the

most important penalty of his career: "That's got to be the winner against Liverpool in the League Cup Final replay three years ago. "And Liverpool were also on the receiving

end when I scored penalties in both semi-final legs of the League Cup last season."

Apart from the early disaster against Hull, the miss that haunts John most came in the 1-0 home defeat by Brighton last season, which ended Forest's unbeaten home record of 51 matches.

"I've missed several in my career, but that one was important because of our long unbeaten record at the City Ground."

Right: Notts County's Ray O'Brien — fifth in our 'Penalty King' table, but he won't be sorry when the time comes to hand the job over.

PENALTY TABLE

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Above: John Robertson of Nottingham Forest - the 'King' from 12 yards.

'I DON'T LIKE THE JOB' says **Notts County's** Ray O'Brien

WITH 12 successes to his credit over the past two seasons, Notts County full back Ray O'Brien is one of the top penalty marksmen in the First and Second Divisions.

But the Eire international made a startling confession after his recent invaluable contribution to Nott's County's promotion push from Division Two -- a twice-taken effort against **Bristol City.**

He revealed: "I won't be sorry when the day comes for me to hand over the job because I don't regard myself as a good penalty-taker.

"I work on the principle that I can only do my best and hope it's good enough and I find that adopting this attitude removes any pressure.

Taking penalties doesn't bother me, but I don't like the job either. It's one of those situations when you cannot win.

"If you score, people say you should, but if you miss one, it's not a pleasant experience." NEXT WEEK: More secrets from the

spot-kick specialists ~

MATCH WEEKLY

BY GEORGE BURLEY of Ipswich and Scotland

AS Ipswich continued their treble bid or the expense of Nottingham Forest in an epic FA Cup sixth round replay at Portman Road, George Burley sat alone in the manager's office...

And as the players soaked up the cheers of a near capacity crowd, the Scottish international full-back limped quietly away from the ground, so reflecting the other side of football. heartbreak.

of football. heartbreak.

With the club on the threshold of completing the greatest chapter in their history. George graces the long and painful road back to fitness in time for next season. "I watched the match from the manager's office and I enjoyed it. In fact, I'm a good watcher, but it's afterwards when one feels so deflated and depressed," says 24-year-old George, who is recovering from a knee operation. a knee operation.
"Having been in the Ipswich team for

several years during the continual rebuilding progress it's even more frustrating for me now that we are on the brink of something really big.

World Cup

"We've been a good side for about six years, but, apart from the FA Cup success we've just missed out on major honours. Now the lads are looking capable of winning

cil three."
George's season ended in the FA Cupthird round tie at Shrewsbury in Ianuary. "I went up to head a ball and fell awkwardly. I knew it was pretty serious at the time because I felt something click.

"I trained for about six weeks after that but the knee kept breaking down and eventually torn knee ligaments were diagnosed and it needed an operation.

The injury is a double blow for George. Apart from club success, he's also missing Scotland's build up towards the World Cup Finals.

"Twe been in the squad for about 18 months and was looking forward to the prospect of going to Spain," says George who has been vying with Celtic's Danny McGrain for the right back berth.
"Now I must wait until next secre

"Now I must wait until next season before I can think about winning back my place in the squad. It will be like starting all over

Next season just can't come quick enough for me now, although I face a lot of hard work this summer to get back into shape."



Above: Here's George in action earlier: this season,

NEXT WEEK: George Burley's team mate Arnold Murhren talks about the night he fired Forest out of the

Above: There's not much for ipswich full-back George Burley to do but just sit at home reflecting on what might have been

AM 18-years-old and support Nottingham Forest. I like most other sports and music.

Dawn Watkins, 1 Linney Fields, Ludlow, Shropshire.

MAN. UTD. and West Ham are my favourite teams. I'm 16-years-old and would like a pen pal of my own age who supports the same teams.

Graham Wicks, 20 Winchester Avenue, Grimshy, South Humberside. I WOULD like a pen pal who supports any First Division team except Aston Villa. My favourite club is Birmingham and Lalso like Madness and Sheena

Andrew Fallon (15), 6 Midlands Drive, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands.

I'M 13 and support Bolton Wanderers.

I'd like a pen pal of my own age. Darren Bradshaw, 16 Errol Avenue, Benchill, Wythenshawe, Manchester. I'M a Brentford supporter and would like a pen pal who supports a Third Division club.

Laura Rees, 43 Mill Farm Crescent, Hounslow, Middlesex.

LIVERPOOL and Sheffield Wednesday are my favourite teams. I'm also

interested in swimming.
David Carroll, 31 Paulet Road, Manor
Estate, Sheffield 2.

1'D LIKE a pen pal who supports my favourite team, Manchester United. I'm 14-years-old.

Hafbor Heimisson, Brekkugotu 45, 600 Akurevri, Iceland.

That was the week that was

March 28—April 3

THERE'S been no big rush by clubs to sign up players before the transfer deadline this

But on the last day of the transfer market in 1979 (March

transfer market in 1979 (March 29) Everton had three different deals on the hell. They swapped Micky Walsh (now playing in Portugal for Forte) for GPR striker Peter Eastes and thee worlched Brian Kidd from Manchester City for

5150,000.

Southampton used the last day to release three strikers. Terry Curran to Shelf Wed, Tony Sealy

Carrun to Shell Wed, Tony Seal: to Grystal Palace and Tony Punnell to Gillingban. Other secur milestoned during this week in the past few years include: • March 29, 1980 — Ipswich

● March 29, 1 vou — sprwen goalkeeper Paul Cooper Saves two penalties against Derby at Portman Road, bringing his

ally to eight saved out of the last 10 spot-kicks.

• March 30, 1977 -- Paul

Mariner makes his England

sabat in the 5-0 win over

Luxembourg. Asten Villa's John

Oldman (now Everton) also wins

his first and only cap.

• April 1, 1978 -- Swansea make April fools of Hartlepool at Vetch Field — beating their Fourth Division opponents 8-0.

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Golden goof!

ARSENAL'S Alan Sunderland has really been causing referees some problems judging by this press clipping.

According to this report, sent in by Mark Telbot, of West Bromwich, West Midlands, the striker amassed 200 disciplinary

Don't forget to keep your goofs coming in. Send them to: 'Golden Goofs', Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough

Sunderland's woe-

Arsenal striker Alan Sunderland, out of today's home match with Wolves after his dismissal at Aston Villa last week could be banned for a further three matches next Tuesday when the FA consider his having totalled 200 disciplinary

A manager's dream

IT'S a manager's dream — a midfield containing the talents of Frans Thiissen, Arnold Muhren (Ipswich) and Tottenham's Ossie Ardiles.

And they're included in the Foreign Legion' team which has been sent in by Shaun Jeffries, of Knowle, Bristol.

Following the publication of a select side of imported players in 'Match Weekly' Shaun reckons his

team could beat ours.

His side is: Jan Moller (Bristol City), Ivan Golac (Southampton), Dzemal Hadziabdic (Swansea), Jordan Villazan (Wolves), Nikola Jovanovic (Man Utd), Amold Muhren, Frans Thijssen (Ipswich), Ossie Ardiles, Ricardo Villa (Spurs), Loek Ursem (Stoke); Roger Van Gool (Coventry).



memories,

Brian

I WAS sorry to hear that Aston Villa's exciting striker Brian Little has had to retire because of injury.

Brian has been a loyal servant to Villa and helped them through their most difficult period, but now they're on the brink of recepturing former glories he's been forced to call it a day.

It would have been great if he could have finished his career by helping his team lift the Championship.

On behalf of the thousands who saw you play — thanks for the memories, Brian!

Patricia Gill, Greencastle, Co. Donegal, Eire.

 AND don't forget that Villa were served a double blow when their defender Mike Pejic was also forced out of the game through injury

Aston Villa's Brian Little - forced to retire from the game.





Poor Second

I CAN'T remember such a poor Second Division.

Apart from West Ham, who are romping away with the title, there's very little to choose between the 21 others.

Chelsea can't score, Notts County can only draw, Derby are inconsistent, and Swansea neaative.

I believe that the three promoted teams will be West Ham, Luton and Grimsby.

Chris Henderson (15), Newport Pagnell, Bucks.

Glad Bond

I WAS furious to hear Kevin Bond say on television that there weren't enough players at Carrow Road who were prepared to 'die for Norwich City'.

What a cheek! just look at him flying off to Seattle Sounders: I hardly call that being prepared to die for a club.

I'm glad he's left Carrow Road

David Sprigg (14), Bispham, Blackpool.

Grimsby praise

GRIMSBY deserve praise for their meteoric rise from the soccer graveyard of the Fourth Division to the brink of the First Division.

And the most amazing fact about their rise is that since gaining promotion from the Fourth Division in 1978/79 they've bought just three players. Lee Johnson (13), Cleethorpes,

South Humberside

 WE trust you enjoyed our feature on Grimsby in last week's issua.

TRAC



I'M Anthony Hawkswell and I'm in charge of the 'Outraged' column.

l'il stand no nonsense . . . any back-chat and i'il sand you off!

I'll be giving marching orders to the writer of the most outrageous letter of the week and booking others who make me really angry.

And just to make it more interesting I'll pay £5 to the person I send off and £2 to each one I book.

Sent

off!

But be warned . . . I'm the ref and my decision stands.

If you dare, write to me at: 'Outraged', Match Weekly,

Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

No cheers for

I'M outraged at the number of people who rave about Ipswich Town's Paul Cooper and his penalty saves.

He saves most of them with his legs — it's sheer luck not skill.

A clear example of this was when Wolves played Ipswich in a recent League game. John Richards placed his shot well wide of Cooper, but somehow the shot hit the keeper's legs and Richards made a hash of the rebound.

The blame must go to John Richards — no praise for Paul. David Yaffe, Alrington, Middleton, Greater Manchester.

 PAT Jennings — one of the world's best goalkeepers renowned for saving with his legs. That's not luck. You're sent off.



Case is ace

WHY is Liverpool's Jimmy Case continually ignored by England manager Ron Greenwood?

He's got a rocket shot, he's great in the air and has tremendous ball control. He'd be a great asset in England's midfield.

I agree he's had a bad season with injuries and being kept out of the side through the excellent form of Sammy Lee, but I believe he deserves a chance. Sim Wyton, Royston, Herts.

 JIMMY'S a heck of a player, but you can't expect Ron Greenwood to pick someone who can't get a regular game in the first team. You're booked.



Forrest's burning ambition

AFTER being rejected by Wolves and Aston Villa, Gerry Forrest had every reason to think that at the age of 20 his chance of a career in football had gone.

He was resigning himself to life as a joiner in his native North East and playing amateur soccer with South Bank in the Northern

But he was spotted by a Rotherham scout and, after a dramatic senior call-up while on trial at Millmoor, he achieved his burning ambition of playing professional football.

Now three years on, the full back is an established member of a Rotherham side chasing promotion to Division Two, and his impressive displays during February earned him Match Weekly's 'Matchman of the Month' award for the Third Division.

award for the Third Division.

"After playing for Stockton Boys I had trials with Villa and Wolves, but they came to nothing," said Gerry.

"Then a Rotherham scout invited me down to Millmoor for trials and due to injuries I was pushed straight into the League side, and fortunately I've been there ever since.

"I had just qualified as a joiner when the chance came and I must admit that I thought my opportunities to play League soccer had gone."

Now 23-year-old Gerry is

Melvyn Beck's Third and Fourth Division Spotlight

thirsting at the prospect of playing in the Second Division next season.

"There's obviously a long way to go, but the players are confident we can get promotion and it would be great to play in a higher division" he says.

"We've struggled for the past three seasons but manager Ian Porterfield has put fresh confidence into the team and the new players have helped improve results."

Players like former Tranmere and Cardiff striker Ronnie Moore, and experienced Millwall pair John Seasman and Tony Towner have played major parts in Rotherham's promotion drive.

"We've got a whole new set-up here and I think the club is destined to go places," adds Gerry.

"I'm confident the side will do themselves proud in the Second Division if we get the chance."

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Young Lions bound for America

MILLWALL player-manager Peter Anderson, just back from a spell in America, will see two of his young stars go there at the end of the sustant.

The Third Division side have sold 20-year-old Dave Mehmet and Eire Under-21 international Tony Kinsella to Tampa Bay Rowdies for a total of £150,000

Tampa are managed by former Millwall boss Gordon Jago who has also signed Birmingham's Frank Worthington and ex-Queen's Park Rangers forward Billy Sweetzer.

FORMER Manchester United and Stoke striker Jimmy Greenhoff has set off for his first taste of American soccer with Toronto, but he'll be back with Fourth Division Crewe next season.

"Jimmy added a bit of class during his short stay with Crewe this season and I'm sure our fans will be pleased he's coming back, said Crewe manager Tony Waddington, the former Stoke

* * *
FROM the heights of the World
Club Championship to the depths
of the Fourth Division. That's the
change former Nottingham Forest
defender Larry Lloyd recently
encountered.

Larry's last senior appearance for Forest was in the defeat by South American chempions Nacional of Uruguay in the final of the World Club Championship in

His debut as player-manager for Fourth Division Wigan Athletic was against Rochdale.

The only thing in common between the two vastly different occasions was the result. Larry lost both matches 1-0!



Jimmy Greenhoff in his United days — now he's off to the States.

Twenty one hours to go . . .

FRIDAY, 6pm: The players meet at Old Trafford to board the coach. The time may vary depending on how far we have to travel.

If it's going to be a long journey the video machine will be set up so we can watch a film on the way and myself and Stevie Coppell usually help out with

On a short trip we probably won't bother — preferring instead to just chat among ourselves.

However for the journey is you can bet that at least four players will have a game of cards. Lou Macari, Arthur Albiston, Kevin Moran and Jimmy Nicholl rarely miss a chance.

Other players like Stevie, Ray Wilkins, Mickey Thomas, Garry Birtles and myself enjoy a game, but let's just say we are not so dedicated. We are known as the Tackanory school!

Twenty hours to go...

7pm: On arrival at our hotel it's usually one that we have used before — the first job is to book into our rooms.

I'm sharing with Garry at the moment although before him I roomed with Mickey and before that Nikki Jovanovic.

With the room situation sorted out it's down for an evening munic

Generally speaking the players eat what they fancy at this time and in my case I like a



MANCHESTER UNITED take on Everton at

Goodison Park on Saturday and here — in his

regular Match Weekly column - United and

young England goalkeeper Gary Bailey gives

Match readers an exclusive and fascinating

insight into his away match routine . . .

The meal over, it's back up to my room to watch some TV and make a few 'phone calls. We don't stick rigidly to our

own rooms — generally it's just a time for relaxing before the big

game the next day.
If there's a snooker table in the hotel a few of the lads will probably go down for a game and of course the card school will be in action.

Sixteen hours to go...

11pm: It's usually about now when I decide to hit the sack and

It's pretty much up to the players what time they go to aleep, within reason. We don't need telling that we need a good night's sleep before a match.

Six hours to

go . . .

SATURDAY, 9am: Garry usually rises and I'll follow him about an hour later.



My diet first thing is tea and cornflakes, but Garry prefers tea and toast.

Five hours to go...

10am: The TV usually comes on ground now in readiness for Tiswas' — a great favourite of

the United players.

Maybe I'll do a few very gentle exercises to 'tune-up', but nothing very strenuous.

Three hours to go...

12 NOON: It's time for our pre-match meal downstairs. The menu at this point varies quite a

I'll have scrambled eggs on toast, Mickey Thomas simply has a bowl of cornflakes, others will have omelette or steak.

The players drift back up to their rooms to watch the football previews on the TV. I switch from channel to channel to avoid the long interviews.

1.30pm: We leave for the ground. There are usually a few fans in reception and we'll spend a moment to sign autographs.

One hour to go...

2.00pm: We arrive at the ground and go out to test the pitch. I decide which gloves I will wear.

Back in the dressing room I'll get changed and start getting ready for the match. Both myself and foe Jordan like a long warm-up session.

Garry Birtles and Lou Macari meanwhile don't start getting



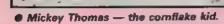
Thomas, Steve Coppell and skipper Martin Buchan always have a pre-match bath.

Thirty minutes to go . . .

2.30pm: A quick look through the programme whiles away a few more minutes and there's usually a few autograph books to sign and then about 15 minutes before we go out manager Dave Sexton will say a few words.

2.53pm: It's seven minutes before kick off when we finally make our way up the tunnel and take in the atmosphere for the first time. 3.45pm: Half time comes and goes very quickly. I'll have a few mouthfuls of tea and make sure I keep warm for the second half. 4.40pm: At the end of the match I enjoy a long relaxing bath to ease away the tensions and with about 45 minutes to kill before we leave the ground there's usually time for a quick drink and chat about the game in the players'

What I do in the evening depends on what time I get home. I always like to just put my feet up for a couple of hours and if it's not too late I'll probably go out with a few friends.







TONY Morley (Aston Villa) v Everton, Division One, Goodison Park, February 7, 1981.

ASTON VILLA striker Tony Morley reserved one of the best goals of the season for the return to his native Liverpool

His crashing drive on the run paved the way for another crucial Villa victory on their championship trail and won BBC TV's February 'Goal of the Month' accolade

He recalls "I wouldn't say it

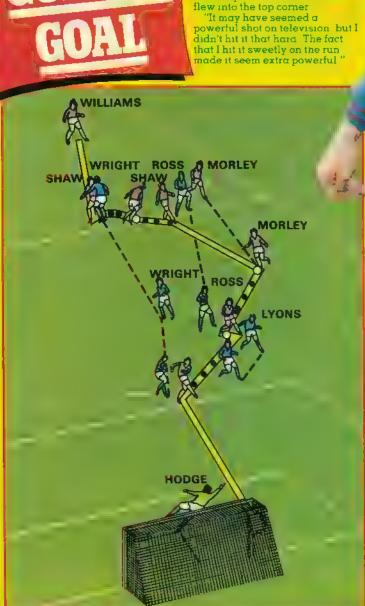
was the best goal of my career but it was a special one for my return home

"We broke up an Everton attack and Gary Williams fed the ball up to Gary Shaw just inside our half "We have been working on

"We have been working on these situations because Gary is good at turning defenders and when he turned Billy Wright I was away down the left

was away down the left
"My first intention was to go
down the line, but as I was
leaving Trevor Ross behind I
decided to cut inside

"I was aware of another Everton player coming across to challenge so I thought I had better try a shot, and, of course, it flew into the top corner





WHO HAS been the biggest influence in making you the player that you are today? Mark Roberts, Prestatyn, Clwydd, North

ASA. Without doubt Mark, it would have to be a chap called Stuart Williams who used to be a coach at West Brom. Without his help I probably wouldn't be in the game today.

As a 16-year-old I was so slim and so small that Jimmy Hagan — manager at The Hawthorns at the time — was prepared to let

It was down to Stuart that the club kept me Oh.

He was the third team coach at the time and he used to get me back in the afternoons

BIGGEST INFLUENCE

I remember once when I phoned up and sand I was ill he came out looking for me and got me out! He used to work on all aspects of

got me out the used to work out an aspects of my game with me. When I wasn't playing myself I used to watch as much football as I could and I used to model myself on the likes of Alan Ball and





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THAT LEEDS

WERE you disappointed when useds decided not to buy you? Robert Broad, Hinskiey, Leise ASA: It was the lowest moment of my

career, Robert.
The thought of point to Leeds was the harviest faciling in the world for me at the

it was 1871, To just turned 21 and Leads were the best team in the country, it was a great thrill for me. But three days later the

dream was over i was tucky in that I was back playing for i was tucky in that I was back playing for West Brom before a wask was up so I didn't have much time to sit around moping. I had my family by me which helped, but it was still a tremendous disappointment.

EVERTON PROSPECTS?

HOW do you rate Everton's young midfielder Steve McMahon and do you feel the Everton side is a future League winner? Andrew Smith (14), Herpenden, Herts, and Barry Hilton, Polagate, East Sussex.

ASA: For someone who didn't even make the substitute's bench last season, Steve has come into the side and done exceptionally well.

Of course, the big test for him will be next season when people know him, but he's a willing lad with a good football brain,

Being realistic about Everton's chances of winning the League it's possible we are one or two players short of having a complete squad paper is of taking the title.

Sold by Clough?

WHAT were your feelings when Brian Clough sold you after just one month at Nottingham Forest? Alastair Slade (12), New Malden,

ASÁ: I was bewildered, Alastair. To this day I don't really know why Forest let me go.

They said I wouldn't fit in and that's their opinion, but at the same time I was 27 or 28 years old and had been playing regularly for ten or 11 years — it wasn't as if I was a young lad just coming into the gome.

The day it all happened there was talk of Forest selling myself and Tony Woodcock to buy Andy Gray who was still with Aston Villa at the time.

When I caked Brian Chough he word that wasn't the plan.

But the door was open and I had to get out and while I was disappointed it made me all the more determined to do well.

Why Goodison move

WHAT were your first thoughts when you heard Everton wanted to sign you after your brief spell at the City Ground? P. D. Atkins.

ASA: I knew Everton were interested in me when I chose to go to Forest. Both clubs had agreed a fee and I'd had meetings with both but to be perfectly honest I chose Forest. but to be perfectly honest I chose Forest, because I felt they had more change of winning honours at the time,

After all they had just won the European Cup and I felt I wanted to be part of their

But I was well pleased when Everton serve back in for me. My wife was delighted because it meant we wouldn't have to move home and I certainly have no regrets about joining what is a great ast-up at Condison

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Player ratings

10 - Out of this world - Outstanding

- Excellent

7 - Good

Adequate

5 - Off form 4 - Poor

Match rating

★★★★★ A classic

*** Good value

** Satisfactory

* Dull * Weste of money

Sunday, March 15 **Division Two**

OLDHAM (2) 2 (Wylde, pen 24, Palmer 45) CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Lyon 34, Reilly 84)

Oldham: Platt 6 Edwards 6, Blair 7, Hilton 5, McDonough 7, Hurst 6 (mub. Kowernek 6). Wylde 6, Futcher 6, Stille 6, Palmer 7,

*ATKINSON B Cambridger Key 6, Donaldson 6 (sub. O'Net I 6), Murray 6, Turner 5, Fallon 6, Finney 6, Streete 7, ★SPRIGGS 6, Reilly 6, Lyon 6, Christie 7 Referee. K. A. Redfern (Whitley Bay)

Match Rating: ***

Monday, March 16 **Division Four**

MANSFIELD (0) 0 HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 (Harding 3)

Manafield, Arnold 5, McJannet 6, XWOOD 7, Berrows 6, McClettand 5, Mann 6, Alten 5 (sub Pollerd 6), Lumby 5, Caldwell 5, Parkinson 6, Thomson 8 Harttapool: *RICHARDSON 8, Linacra 5,

Hartrapool: XRICHARDSON B, Linacra S, Lawrence B, Harding 6 (sub. Johnson). Brd 7, Brown 6, Kerr 5, Fagan 5, Newton 6, Houchen 5 Hogen 5 Referes. J. E Bray (Hinckley) Match Rating. 大大大

PORT VALE (1) 4 (Bowles 43, 52, Chamberlain, M 72, Armstrong 81) HEREFORD (0) 0

Port Vale Lloyd 6, Brissett 6, Bromage 7 Beech 6, Bowles 6, Sproson 6, Miller 6, *ARMSTRONG 9, Chamberlain, N 7 *ARMSTRONG 9, Chamber(ain, N 7 Chamber ain, M 8, Bennett 7 Hereford: Ceshley 5, Price 5, Bartley 5, Hicks 6, Cornes 5, Spiring 8, Harvey 6, Leidisw 7, Showers 6, McGrellis 6 (sub. Jones 6), *WHITE 8, Referee: D Allieon (Lancaster) Match Reting: **

Tuesday, March 17 **Division One**

BIRMINGHAM (0) 1 (Worthington 73) WOLVES (0) 0 Att: 20 005

Birminghum, #WEALANDS 7, Langan 6, Dannis 6, Ditton 6, Gallagher 5, Todd 5 Ainstow 6, Evens 5, Worthington 6, Germail 8, Broadhurst 6

Wolves: Bradshaw 6 Palmer 6 Parkin 7, Clarke 6 (sub. Bell), McAlla 6, Berry 7, Hughes 6, *CARR 8, Gray 5, Richards 7,

Referee B Martin (Keyworth) Match Rating 大大大

NORWICH (2) 2 (Rovie 36, 46) MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0

Att 14,549 Norwich, Woods 7, McDowell 7, Downes 6, McGuire 8, Walford 7, Watson 7, O Neili 7 Fashanu 8, *ROYLE 9, Paddon 7, Barham

Middlesbrough Platt 7, Nattrass 6 Bailey 6. Johnston 7. Ashcroft 6 McAndrew 6

(sub Angus), Cochrene 6, ★PROCTOR 8, Hodgson 7, Shearer 6, Armstrong 6 Referee: G, J. Napth;ne (Leicester) Match Rating: ***

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Keegan 12, Baker EVERTON (0) 0

Att. 20,029 Southampton: Wells 7, Golec 7, Holmes 6, Williams 7, Watson 6, Nicholi 7, *KEEGAN 9, Channon 6 (sub. Puckett), Baker 6, Moran

Everton, McDonagh 8, Gidman 8, Ratcl ffe 7 Wright 6, Lyons 6 (sub. McBride), Stanley 5, *McMAHON 8, Eastge 6, Veradi 5. Hartford 6 Ross 6
Referee. R. Lewis (G1 Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Two

SWANSEA (0) 0 BRISTOL CITY (0) 0

Att 10.832 Swansea #STEWART 7, Evens 6 Hadziabdic 6. Rajkovic 6, Charles 6, Stevenson 5, Craig 5, James, R 6, Curtis 5 (sub. Robinson 5), James, L. 8, Mahoney 6 Bristol City: Moller 6 Stevens 5, Hay 6, Arken 5, Marshall 6, *SWEENEY 7, Tainton 6, Fitzpatrok 5, Mabbutt 6, Pritchard 5. Whitehead 6

Referee: A. J. Hami. (Wolverhampton) Metch Rating ★★

Division Three

CARLISLE (2) 2 (Robson 11, 31) SWINDON (1) 1 (Carter 39) Att: 4.104

Carlisle: Swinburne 7, Cosdy 8, Watson 5, Hamilton 6, *HOUGHTON 8, Parker 7, Haig 8, Camborne 8, Robson 7, Beardsley 7, Staniforth 7

Swindon Allan 7 Henry 6, Peach 7
*KAMARA 8, Lewis 6, Stroud 6, Miller 7,
Hughes 7, flowland 6, Greenwood 7, Carter

Referee: R. A. Banks (Manchester) Match Rating: ***

CHARLTON (0) 0 MILLWALL (0) 0 Att 12,700

Charton Johns 6, Naylor 7, Warmen 6, Shaw 5, Berry 6, Tydemen 6, *POWELL 8, Walsh 6, Hales 6, Smith 7, Robinson 5 (sub Gritt B)

Millwall: *JACKSON B, Sitton 6, Roberts 7, Chatterton 7, Kitchener 6, Tagg 7 (sub Dubble 6), Massey B, Anderson 6, Horricks 7 Burtley 6, Hayes 6 Heferee: A, Seville (Birmingham) Match Rating, ***

FULHAM (0) 0 CHESTER (1) 1 (Phillips 42) Att 3,387

Att 3.507
Fulliam Stennard B, Clement 6, Strong 6,
*BECK 7, Brown 6, Gale 6, Davies 6.
Peters 6, O Discoil 8, Wilson 6, Lewington

8 (sub Day 6)
Chester *MHLLINGTON 9, Needham 6
Raynor 8, Storton 6, Cottam 6, Oakes 7,
Suicl ffe 7, Jones 8, Feer 6, Phill ps 6 Ludlam 6

Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford) Match Rating: **

HULL (0) 0 COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Colton 4) Att. 3 586

Huti Norman 6, Hoolickin 6 Booth 6, Huti Norman B, Robickin & Booth B, Richards 5, Roberts, G B, Roberts, D 6 (sub Norrie 6), Whitehurst 5, Ferguson 6, Edwards 6, Muir e 5, *DEACY 7 Colchester Walker 7 Cock 7, Wignall 5 Lestie 5, Wright 6, Packer 7, Osborne 7, Faley 8, *BREMNER 8, McDonough 5, Cotton 6 (sub Allinson).
Referee; R. Chadwick (Darwen)
Metch Rating ***

PLYMOUTH (0) O HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0

Att 5.453 Plymouth: Crudgington 6, *NISBET 9, Harrison 7, Hodges 5, Foster 6, Ph Lipson-Masters 5, Cooper 5, Kemp 5, Sims 7, Murphy 5, Johnson 6

Huddersfield: Freeman 8, Brown 6, Robinson 6, Stanton 5, *SUTTON 9, Hanvey 6, Lillis 5, Kennedy 6, Austin 5, Robins 5, Cowling 5 Referee: M. Bidmead (Chessington)
Match Rating *

Division Four

DARLINGTON (2) 4 (Speedie 3, Hamilton 35, Charlton 75, Waish 80) WIMBLEDON (1) 1 (Smith, M 30)

Att 2 (91)
Darlington: Culf 6, Kamara 6, McLean 7,
Smith K 6, Skipper 7, Speedie 7, Charlton
6, Wicks 7, Stalker 7 (sub. Wilson), *HAMILTON 8, Walsh 7

Wimbledon Beasant 6, Jones 7, Armstrong 7, Galliers 7, Smith, M. B. Cunoingham 6, Kettendge 6, Hodges 5, *LESLIE 8, Cork 6,

Reterrange 6, Honges 6, 火ビStite 4, V Downes 6 Referae: K Walmslay (Blackpool) Match Rating, か木木木 Sendings Off, Galiers, Cunningham (Wimb edon)

SCOTTISH **Division Two**

ALBION ROVERS (2) 5 (Ross 18, 54. Burgess 27, Hill, pen 71, Franchetti 80) STRANRAER (0) 0

Wednesday, March 18 **European Champions Cup** Quarter-final, Second Leg

CSKA SOFIA (Butgaria) (0) 0 LIVERPOOL (1) 1 (Johnson 10) Art 65:000 (Liverpool win 6-1 on aggregate)

BANIK OSTRAVA (Czech) (1) 1 BAYERN MUNICH (W. Germany) (4) 4 (Bayern win 6-2 on aggregate)

RED STAR BELGRADE (Yugoslavia) (0) 0 INTER MILAN (Italy) (1) 1 (Muraro) (Inter win 2-1 on aggregate)

REAL MADRID (Spain) (0) 2 (.sidro 2) SPARTAK MOSCOW (Russia) (0) 0 (Real Madrid win 2-0 on appregate)

European Cup Winners' Cup Quarter-final, Second Leg

NEWPORT (Water) (0) 0 CARL ZEISS JENA (E. Germany) (1) 1 (Kurbjuwe t 27) Art. 18 000 (Carl Zaiss win 3-2 on aggregate) Nawport. Plumey 7. Walden 7. Rel sh 7. Davies 7. *OAKES 9. Tynan 8. Vaughan 7. Lowndes 7. Gwyther 7. Fisey 7. Moore 8. Carl Zeiss: *GRAPENTHIN 9. Brouer 8. Schilling 6, Burow 6, Kurb; uweit 7, Schrupese 7, Overmann 6, Sengewaid 6 Beilau 5, Reab 6, Vogel 8 Match Rating: ★★★★

DINAMO TBILISI (Russia) (0) 0 WEST HAM (0) 1 (Pearson 87) Att 80,000 (Dinamo win 4-2 on aggregate)

FEYENOORD (Holland) (1) 4 SLAVIA SOFIA (Bulgaria) (0) 0 (Feyenoord win 6-2 on aggregate)

UEFA Cup Quarter-final, Second Leg

IPSWICH (0) 3 (Butcher 46, Wark, pen 83, ST ETIENNE (France) (0) 1 (Zimako 80) Att 30.151 (Ipswich win 7-2 on aggregate)
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Steggles 7, McCail 7,
*THIJSSEN 9, Osman 8, Butcher 8, Wark *THJSSEM 9, Osman 8, Buccher 2, Wark 7, Muhren 7, Mar ner 8, Brazi 7 (sub. O'Callaghan 7), Gates 7 (sub. D'Avray) St Etienne: *CASTANEDA 8, Battston 6, Zanon 6, Garchor 7, Lopez 7, Janvico 7, Zimako 7, Larios 7, Roussey 7 Platin 7, Rep 7 Refereer E. Linemayr (Austria) Match Rating (本本本

LOKEREN (Belgium) (1) 1 AZ67 ALKMAAR (Holland (0) 0 (Alkmaar win 2-1 on aggregate)

FC COLOGNE (W. Germany) (1) 3 STANDARD LIEGE (Belgium) (1) 2

SOCHAUX (France) (1) 2 GRASSHOPPERS ZURICH (Switzerland) (Sochaux win 2-1 on aggregate)

Division One

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 1 (Surns, og

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 1 (Wal ace 38) Att 38,205
Man Utd Badey 7, Nicholl 8, Albiston 8,

Wilkins 7, Moran 6, Buchan 7, Coppell 6, Birtles 6, Jordan 7, *MACARI 8, McIlroy 6 (sub Duxbury 8) Notem Forest Shilton 7, Gunn 6, Gray, F 6.

Gray S 6, Needham 6, Burns 7, Ponte 6 (sub Ward), Wallace 7, *MILLS 8, Welsh

7, Robertson 6
Referee M G Peck (Kendall)
Metch Reting. ***

STOKE (1) 2 (Doyle 43, O'Ce leghen 77)
MANCHESTER CITY (1) 1 (McDoneld 26)
Att. 16 842

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Division Three

EXETER (0) 2 (Sparrow 54, Daive 68) ROTHERHAM (1) T (Stanciille 44) Att 4,452 Exeter Bond 7, Hogers, M 8, Sparrow 8, Forbes 7, Roberts, L 7, Roberts, P 7, Pearson 8, Rogers, P 6, Kellow 5, *DELVE 9 Hatch 8 6, Rhodes 5, Stancliffe 7, Mullen 7, *TOWNER 8, Seasman 7, Moore 6, Fern 5, Herison 6 Referee; S. G. Bates (Bristol) Match Rating: 木木木

Division Four

PETERBOROUGH (3) 4 (Gynn 3, Kellock 7, TRANMERE (0) 1 (Bramball 82) Att 3,034 Peterborough: Waugh 6, Winters 6, Phillips 6, Gynn 7, Sieck 7, Smith 7, Quow 7, *KELLOCK 8, Cooke 6, Hodgson 6, Syrett Tranmere: Johnson 6, Mathias 6, Edwards 5 (sub. Whittingham 7), Bramhell 7, Mountfield 6, Evens 6, Powell 6, Hamilton 7, Williams 7, ★KERR 8, Griffiths 6 Referee: G. Flint (Ashfield) Match Rating: 本本本

SCOTTISH Premier Division

CELTIC (2) 4 (Sullivan 16, MacLeod 29, 57, McGarvey 81) PARTICK (1) 1 (Park 28) An. 15,000 Att. 15,000
Celtic: Bonnar 7, McGrain 6, Reid 6,
Suffixan 7, McAdam 6, Airken 7, Provan 6,
Conroy 6 (sub MacLeod 6), McGarvey 7,
*BURNS 8, Nicholas 7
Prtick: Rough 7, Welsh 6, Wnittaker 7,
Campbell 6, Anderson 6, Lapsley 6, Park 7,
McDonald 6, Higgins 7, *O*HARA 8, Clark

Referes: J. R. S. Renton (Cowdenbesth) Match Rating: 本本大 Sending Off: Whittaker (Partick)

RANGERS (1) 1 (McAdam 39) DUNDEE UNITED (2) 4 (Kirkwood 19, Bannon 29, 61, Sturrock 58) Rangers: Stewart 6, Miller 7, Dawson 7, Stevens 5, Jackson 7, Bett 7, Johnston 6, Russell 6, McAdam 6, *REDFORD 8, MacDonald 6 Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Holt 7, Stark 6, Philip 7, Hegerty 7, Narey 7, Bannon 7, Milne 6, Kirkwood 7, *STURROCK 8, Doctra 7 Referee: W. Anderson (East Kilbride) Match Rating: *** Sending Off: Stevens (Rangers)

Division One

DUNDEE (1) 2 (Geddes 24, 70) DUNFERMLINE (0) 0 Att 3,153

FALKIRK (0) 0 MOTHERWELL (1) 1 (Invine 37) Att: 1 500

HIBERNIAN (1) 1 (McNamera 14) ST JOHNSTONE (1) 2 (Brogan 27, Docherty 61) Att 3,000

Division Two

COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Brogan, og 30, Hunter 60) CLYDE (0) 0 Att: 200

MONTROSE (0) 1 (Seedre 49) MEADOWSANK (2) 2 (Davidson 3, McCalfum 41)

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 BRECHIN (0) 3 (Kyšes 66, Leslie 80, 82)

Friday, March 20 **Division Four**

STOCKPORT (0) 2 (Bradd 50, 51) YORK (0) 0 Att: 1,903 Stockport: Lewson 7, Rutter 6, Sherlock 7, Fowler 6, Thorpe 5, Sword 7, Park 6, Sunley 8, *BRADD 8, Galvin 6, Coyle 6 York: Blackburn 6, Hood 6, Walsh 8, Stanley 6, Faulkner 7, Craig 6, Ford 6, *BYRNE 8, Rendall 7, MacDonald 6, Pugh 7

Referen: D. Richardson (Gt. Harwood) Match Rating: **

Saturday, March 21 **Division One**

BIRMINGHAM (2) 2 (Worthington 9, Evans 16) MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0 Att. 16,160 Att 16,160
Birmingham: Wealands 7, Langan 7,
Dennis 7, *DILLON 9, Gallaghar 7, Todd 6,
Ainscow 7, Evana 7, Worthington 8,
Germill 6, Broadhurst 7
Man City *CORRIGAN 8, Ranson 6 (sub.
Bennett 5), McDonald 7, Booth 6, Power 8,
Caton 6, Tueart 7, Henry 5, Mackenzie 5,
Hutchison 7, Raeves 5. Hutchison 7, Reeves 5.
Referee: R. W. Toseland (Mix. Harborough)
Match Rating: ***

BRIGHTON (1) 1 (Robinson 16) STOKE (1) 1 (Ursem 35) Att 13,583 Att 13,003 Brighton: Digweed 7, Stevens 7, Williams 6, Horton 5, Foster 8, Ritchie 6, Gregory 6, Stille 8, *ROBINSON 8, Smith 6, McNab Stoke: *FOX 8, Johnson 6, Munro 6, Dodd 7, O'Callaghan 7, Doyle 6, Ursem 7, Bracewell 6, Chapman 7, Heath 7, Maguire

Referee: B. Daniels (Brentwood)
Metch Rating: ***

LEEDS (1) 1 (Harras 29) WOLVES (1) 3 (Richards 10, Clarke 59 Gray 881 19.252 Leeds: Lukic 6, Greenhoff 6, Gray, E 6, Flynn 7, Parkinson 6, *CHERRY 8, Harris 7, Chandler 6 (sub-Connor 8), Parlane 7, Victorian 6, Graham 7
Wolves: Bradshaw 6, Palmer 7, Parkin 6.
Clarke 7, AmcALLE 8, Barry 7, Hibbitt 6,
Carr 7, Gray, A 7, Richards 6, Eves 6 (sub.
Bell 6) Referee: P Willis (Co. Durham) Match Rating: **

LEICESTER (0) 1 (O Neill 49) CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Price 66) Att. 15,176 Leicester: Wallington 6, Williams 6, Friar 6, Byrd 6, May 7, O'Neill 7, Lynex 8, Melrose 8, Young 6, *WILSON 8 (sub. Smith 6),

MacDonald 8
Crystal Palace: *BARRON 8, Hinshelwood
6, Lovell 6, Price 7, Boyle 6, Gilbert 6,
Bason 6, Brooks 6, Watsh 7, Lengley 8, Hilaire / Referee: P Partridge (Co Durham) Match Rating: ★★

LIVERPOOL (0) 1 (Bailey, og 77) EVERTON (0) 0 Att 49 743 Att 49 743
Liverpoot: Ctemence 7, Neal 7, Money 8, Irwin 7, Kennedy, R 7, Hansen 8, Datglish 7, Lee 8, Heightway 7, Case 7, *SOUNESS 9. Everton: McDonagh 7, Gidmen 7, Baitey 8, Wright 6, Stanley 7, *ROSS 9, McMahon 7, Lodge 6, Veradi 6 (sub. McBride), Eastoe 8. O'Keefe 6. Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ***

Nicholl 53) IPSWICH (1) 1 (Butcher 7) Att: 46,615 Man Utd: Bailey 7, Nicholl 7, Albiston 7, Moran 7, McQueen 6, Buchan 8, Coppell 7, Birtles 6, Jordan 8, Duxbury 6, #THOMAS

MANCHESTER UNITED (1) 2 (Thomas 17,

Spawich: Cooper 7, Steggles 6, *McCALL 8, Thussen 7, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 6, Muhren 7, Mariner 6, O Calleghan 6, Gates

Referee: T. L. Morris (Leeds) Match Rating: ***

NORWICH (1) 1 (Fashanu 30)
ARSENAL (0) 1 (Tellot 82)
Att. 19.569
Norwich: **WOODS 9, McDowell 6,
Downs 6, McQuire 8, Walford 7, Watson 7,
O'Neill 7, Fashanu 7, Royle 6 (sub Robson 7), Paddon 7, Barham 7
Arsenal: Jennings 6, Devine 6, Sansom 8,
**TALBOT 9, O'Leary 7, Young 6, Nicholas 6, Sunderland 8, Stapleton 7, McDermott 7,
Rix 7 Referee: M. Scott (Nottingham) Match Rating: ★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (0) 1 (Moran 81) MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 Att 20,651 Southampton: Wells 6, Golec 7, Holmes 5, Williams 7, *WATSON 8, Nicholf 7, Keegen 7, Channon 8, Baker 5 (sub. Puckett), Moran 6, Ball 6. Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Nattress 7, Bailey

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Surray, David Jones, Frinton-on-Sea,
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Cochrane 5 (sub. Ashcroft), Proctor 5. McDonald 5, Shearer 6, Askew 6 Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow) Match Rating: **

SUNDERLAND (1) 3 (Hinnigan 5, 86, COVENTRY (0) 0 Att: 20.622 Sunderland: Siddall 8, *HINNIGAN 9, Bolton 7, Elliott 7, Hindmarch 7, Buckley 8, Arnott 6, Cooke 6, Ritchie 8, Chisholm 8, Cummins 8.

Coventry: *SEALEY 9, Thomas 6, Roberts 7, Blair 6, Dyson 6, Gillespie 6, Bannister 8, Dely 7, Thompson 6, English 6, Hunt 6. Referee: R. A. Banks (Manchester) Match Rating: 木木木

TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Crooks 42, Arhibald

ASTON VILLA (0) 0 Att: 35,091

Spurs: Aleksic 7, Hughton 6, Miller 6, Roberts 6, *8ROOKE 8, Perryman 7, Ardiles 7, Archibald 7, Galvin 7, Hoddle 6, Crooks 7

Aston Villa: *RIMMER 8, Swain 6, Williams 7, Evans 6, McNaught 7, Mortimer 7, Bremner 8, Shaw 7, Geddis 8, Cowens 6, Morley 8

Referee: L. Burden (Dorset) Match Rating: ***

WEST BROM (1) 2 (Gunn, og 6, Deehan

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (0) 1 (Mills 46) WBA: Godden 7, Batson 7, Statham 7,

Moses 7, Wile 6, Bennett 7, Robson 7, Dechan 6, Regis 6, *MILLS, D 8, Barnes

Notem Forest: Smelt 7, Gunn 6, Gray, F 7, Gray, S 7, Needham 6, Burns 7, *MILLS, G 8, Wallace 6, Francis 6, Walsh 6 (sub. Ponte), Robertson 7.

Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: **

Division Two

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0 WREXHAM (1) 2 (Carrodus 45, Fox 77) Att: 6.677 Bristol City: Molier 5, Stevens 5, Hay 6, *AITKEN 8, Marshall 7, Sweeney 6, Tainton 6, Fitzpatrick 6, Mabbutt 6, Pritchard 5, Whitehead 5, Wrexham: Davies 7, Hill 6, Dwyer 7, Jones 7, Cegielaki 6, Carrodus 7, Fox 7, *ARKWRIGHT 8, Vinter 7, Buxton 6, Cartwright 7. Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl) Match Rating: **

CAMBRIDGE (0) 2 (Reilly 74, Christie 86) CARDIFF (0) 0 Att. 3,719

Cambridge: Key 7, Evens 7, Murray 6, Smith 7, Fallon 6, Finney 6, Streete 5 (sub. O'Neill), Spriggs 6, *REILLY 8, Lyons 7,

Cardiff: *GROTIER 8, Jones 8, Dwyer 6, Hughes 6, Pontin 6, Thomas 6, Lewis 6, Kitchen 6, Stevens 6, Ronson 6, Buchanan

Referee: D. S. Vickers (Ilford) Match Rating: ***

CHELSEA (0) 0 BLACKBURN (0) 0 Att: 14.314 Chelsea: Borota 6, Locke 6, Rofe 6, Burnstead 6, Oroy 6, Chivers 7, Britton 6, Fillery 6, Mayes 5, Walker 6, ★RHOADES-BROWN B (sub. Lee 5). Blackburn: *ARNOLD 8, Branagan 7, Rathbone 6, Kendall 7, Keeley 7, Fazackerley 6, Garner 6, Busby 5, Lowey 6, Burke 6, Speight 6, Referee: H. Taylor (Leicestershire) Match Rating: ★★★

NOTTS COUNTY (0) 1 (O'Brien 73) ORIENT (0) 0 Att: 6,846 Art: 6,896
Notta County: Avramovic 7, Benjamin 7,
O'Brien 7, Goodwin 7, *KILCLINE 8,
Richards 7, McCulloch 6, Masson 7, Christie
6, Hunt 6, Hooks 7,
Orient: *DAY 8, Fisher 6, Rofley 6, Taylor, T 7, Gray 7, Moores 6, Chiedozie 6,

Margerrison 6 (sub. Godfrey 6), Jennings 6, Mayo 6, Taylor, P 7. Referee: T. Farley (Co. Durham) Match Rating: *

PRESTON v BOLTON - Match Postponed

QPR (1) 3 (Francis 13, pen 77, Flenagan **DERBY (1) 1 (Powell 32)** Att: 8,905 QPR: Burridge 6, Shanks 6, Gillard 7, Fenwick 6, Wicks 7, Roeder 7, Flanagan 6, *FRANCIS 9, Sealy 8, Currie 8, Silkman 6 (sub. King 7).

Derby: Jones 7, Emery 6, *BUCKLEY 8, Sherridan 7, McFarland 7, Powell, S 7, Powell, S 7, Hector 8, Wilson 6. Swindlehurst 6, Clevton 7 (sub. Emson).

SHEFF WEDNESDAY v GRIMSBY -Match Postponed

Referee: D. Hutchinson (Yorkshire)

Match Rating: ***

SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Turner 61) NEWCASTLE (0) 0 Att: 4,975 Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, King 7, Leonard 7, *TURNER 9, Griffin 8, Larkin 7, Tong 8, Atkins 7, Dungworth 8, Biggins 7, Cross 7, Newcastle: Carr 7, Brownile 6, *DAVIES 8, Martin 7, Barton 7 (sub. Carney 6), Halliday 6, Shoulder 7, Trewick 8, Harford 6, Wharton 7, Walker 6. Referee: G. Owen (Anglesey) Match Rating: ***

SWANSEA v LUTON - Match Postponed

WATFORD (2) 3 (Armstrong 29, Ward 38, BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Hughes 78) Att: 10.162
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Pritchett 5, Taylor 6, Sims 6, Bolton 6, *WARD 8, Blissett 7, Armstrong 7, Jackett 6, Poskett 7, Bristol Rovers: McAllister 7, Gillies 6, Jones 6, McCaffery 6, Hughes 7, *EMMANUEL 8, Williams, Deraint 6, Williams, Devid 6, Randalf 8 (sub. Griffiths 6), Penny 7, Mabbutt 6, Referee: A. W. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth) Match Rating: *** Att: 10,162

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Goddard 82) OLDHAM (0) 1 (Wylde 49) Att: 24,394 West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 7, *LAMPARD 8, Bonds 7, Martin 7, Brush 6 (sub, Barnes 6), Pearson 7, Goddard 7, Cross 7, Brooking 7, Pike 7 Oldham: Platt 8. Edwards 7. Blair 7. Keegan 7, McDonegh 7, Futcher 6, Wylde 7, *HEATON 9, Steel 7, Palmer B, Atkinson

Referee: J. Deskin (Bedford) Match Rating: **

Division Three

BURNLEY v HUDDERSFIELD - Match

CARLISLE (0) 2 (Robson 59, Beardsley 89)

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Staniforth 7. Hull: Norman 6, Hoolickin 6, Booth 7, Richards 6, Eccleston 7, McClaren 7, Marwood 6 (sub. Whitehurst 6), Ferguson 6, Norrie 7, Mutrie 7, *DEACY 8. Referee: K. Walmstey (Blackpool)

Match Rating: ** CHARLTON (0) 0 SWINDON (0) 0 Att: 6.495

Charlton: Johns 6, Naylor 6, Warman 6, Shaw 5 (sub. Gritt 6), Berry 6, Tydeman 6, Powell 6, Walsh 8, Hales 6, Smith 6,

*WALKER B. Swindon: Altan 7, Henry 5, Peach 6, Carter 6, *LEWIS 8, Straud 6, Miller 5, Hughes 5, Rowland 6, Greenwood 5 (sub. Rideout 6), Williams 8.

Referee: M. J. Taylor (Kent) Match Rating: ***

CHESTER (0) 0 ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Fern 30) Att. 3.945

Chester: Millington 6, Needham 5, Raynor 6, Storton 6, Cottam 5, Oakes 6, Sutcliffe 7, Jones 6, Fear 7, *PHILLIPS 8 (sub. Birch), Ludlam 6

Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 5, Breckin 6, Rhodes 7, Stancliffe 6, Mullen 7, Towner 5, Seasman 6, *MOORE 8, Fern 7, Henson 6

Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastleupon-Tyne) Match Rating: ***

CHESTERFIELD (2) 3 (Entwistle, og 31, Bonnyman 38, Walker 75) BLACKPOOL (1) 2 (Thompson 13, Noble 901

Att: 5,959 Chesterfield: Turner 7, Stirk 5, O'Neill 7,

*WILSON 8, Green 7, Ridley 6, Birch 6, Moss 7, Bonnyman 6 (sub. Kowalski), Salmons 7, Walker 6, Blackpool: *HESFORD 8, Gardner 6, Pashley 7, McEwan 7, Sbragia 6, Ashurst 6, Entwistle 5 (sub. Williams), Harrison 7, Thompson 6, Morris 7, Noble 7 Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester) Match Rating: ***

EXETER (0) 1 (Kallow 55) SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Charles 19) Att. 4.224

Exeter: Main 7, Rogers, N 7, *SPARROW 8, Forbes 7, Roberts, L 7, Roberts, P 5, Pearson 5, Rogers, P 7, Kellow 7, Delve 6, Harch 7

Sheff Utd: Conroy 7, Moore 6, Garner 6, Houston 6, MacPheil 5, Kenworthy 5, Wiggen 6, *GIVENS 8, Charles 7, Hatton 7, Ryan 7.

Referee: H. King (Merthyr Tydfil) Match Rating: ★★★★

GILLINGHAM (0) 2 (Overton 56, White, pen 75) BRENTFORD (0) 0

Att: 3,916 Gillinghern: Hillyard 7, Walker 6, *OVERTON 8, Bruce 7, Weatherly 7, Crabbe 6, Nichotl 7, Duncan 6, Price 6, Lee

7, White 7. Brentford: McKellar 7, Tuckar 7, Hill 6, *SALMAN 8, Kruse 7, Hurlock 6, Shrubb 6 (sub. Roberts 7), Frost 8, Johnson 8, Harris 7, Crown 7.

Referee: T. D. Spencer (Salisbury) Match Rating: ★★★

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STAR-**GAZERS**

Match writers Steve Coppell, Glenn Hoddle and **Dennis Mortimer** looking ahead.

BRIGHTON striker Michael Robinson returns to Manchester City on Saturday . . . declaring he is twice the player he was when he left.

He told me: "Personally I think my game has improved 200 per cent since the move."

Maine Road has seen many changes since Michael was a player there and City have enjoyed a dramatic change of fortune . . . climbing up the League, reaching the semi-final of the League Cup and now looking forward to a semi-final tie in the FA Cup.

But there are no hard feelings on his part: "The only disagreement I had with the club concerned Malcolm Allison and he's not there any more.

My tip

"I still have many good friends at City and I'm pleased to see them doing well. I'm tipping them to win the FA Cup.

Much of the credit for City's revival has been put down to the transfer dealings of new manager John Bond, but Michael put things into perspective when he said:

John Bond is a very good manager, I'm sure, but it didn't need a crystal ball to see that the side needed someone like Gerry Gow to add a bit of bite to the midfield.

The same goes for Tommy Hutchison — and Bobby
McDonald was a pinch. I'm sure
he couldn't have bought more

'I'm just looking forward to the game which in many ways is much more important to ourselves than City as far as points go.

IN THE table on the right Match writer Paul Stratton has predicted scorelines for ten of Saturday's matches and the challenge is . . . beat him if you can!

There's a space for your forecasts, one for dad and a column for the actual results.

Award yourself two points for every score you get right and one point if you get a result right (i.e. home, away, draw) but the scoreline wrong.

And why not challenge your friends at the same time?

We've been chipping away and picking up points here and there and if we can keep going I think teams like Sunderland and Wolves will have to start looking over their shoulders. I believe w can get a result on Saturday.

Personally I can't see victory or even a draw for Michael and his Brighton team-mates against the confidence and new found flair of City, but it may be close.

On the same day Norwich City's new signing Martin O'Neill makes a quick return to Nottingham to take on his former team mates at Forest.

But he looks destined for the same fate and I can't see it being a happy re-union for Martin . . on the field at least!

Right: Seagulls' striker Michael Robinson — tipping his former club Manchester City to win the FA Cup, but fancies Brighton for a result at Maine Road in the League on Saturday.



Saturday March 28

Match My forecast RESULT forecast forecast Man City v Brighton 1-0 Nott'm For v Norwich Stoke v Birmingham 2-0 Luton v Cambridge 1-0 Newcastle v Chelsen 0-1 Brentford v Plymouth 1-1 Swindon v Exeter 2-1 P'boro' v Mansfield 1-1 2-0 Torquey v Aldershot 2-1 Celtic v Aberdeen

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MATCH WEEKLY

Why I'd quit

Wolves

WOLVES 'super-sub' Norman Bell wants regular first team football... even if it means leaving Molineux.

"If manager John Barnwell considers me as just a useful squad player next season I hope he lets me go," says the man who's come from the substitute's bench to score three vital FA Cup goals.

"I've been at Molineux for nine years and don't really want to leave, but I must start making progress. At 25 it's time I was established somewhere.

The boss could be having a re-think and decide to play three up front next season - I hope so," said Norman.

He is certainly a hit with the fans. The cheers echo around Molineux as Norman takes off his tracksuit and pounds up and down the touch-line.

'Fans think I'm the perfect sub'

But he says: "It worries me that the fans think I'm the perfect substitute because I'd prefer to be playing for the full 90 minutes.

Norman did get an 11-game run in the first team just before Christmas, because of an injury to £1m striker Andy Gray.

"I enjoyed the games and though I played well. In fact, I delayed Andy's return to the team for a couple of weeks.

When Gray did return, Norman was placed on the transfer list. Since Wolves' Cup run has gathered momentum, however, John Barnwell has insisted he will not let him go until it comes to an end . . . and that could be at Wembley.

Wolves striker Norman Bell he wants regular first team football

'We love it as underdogs'

WOLVES have been rated FA Cup underdogs in very round this season and the players love

Norman admitted: "Even against Second Division teams like Wrexham and Watford no-one thought we'd win.

"And it won't worry us if we get the same tag against Spurs in the semi-final, because we've made a habit of proving people wrong.

"At the moment the players are walking on air — it's great to know we're just 90 minutes from Wembley."

And if Wolves make it to the final, Norman is determined to be involved in the game this

When they beat Nottingham Forest 1-0 in last season's League Cup Final he had to watch the game from the side-lines.

"I had a 50-50 chance of playing at one time because of the threatened suspension of Andy Gray. In the end I had to be satisfied

Andy Gray. In the end I had to be satisfied being a spectator.

"Although I was involved in the build-up and went into the dressing room before the game, it was very frustrating watching the lads that day," said Norman.

"But we've got some very important League games coming up before the semi-final. We're too low in the First Division for comfort and we've got to pick up points," added Norman. It's a mystery why we can't produce our Cup form in the League although manager John Barnwell reckons we've too many 'old legs' in the side to sustain a 42 match legs' in the side to sustain a 42 match challenge."

BY 'SUPER-SUB'
Morman

